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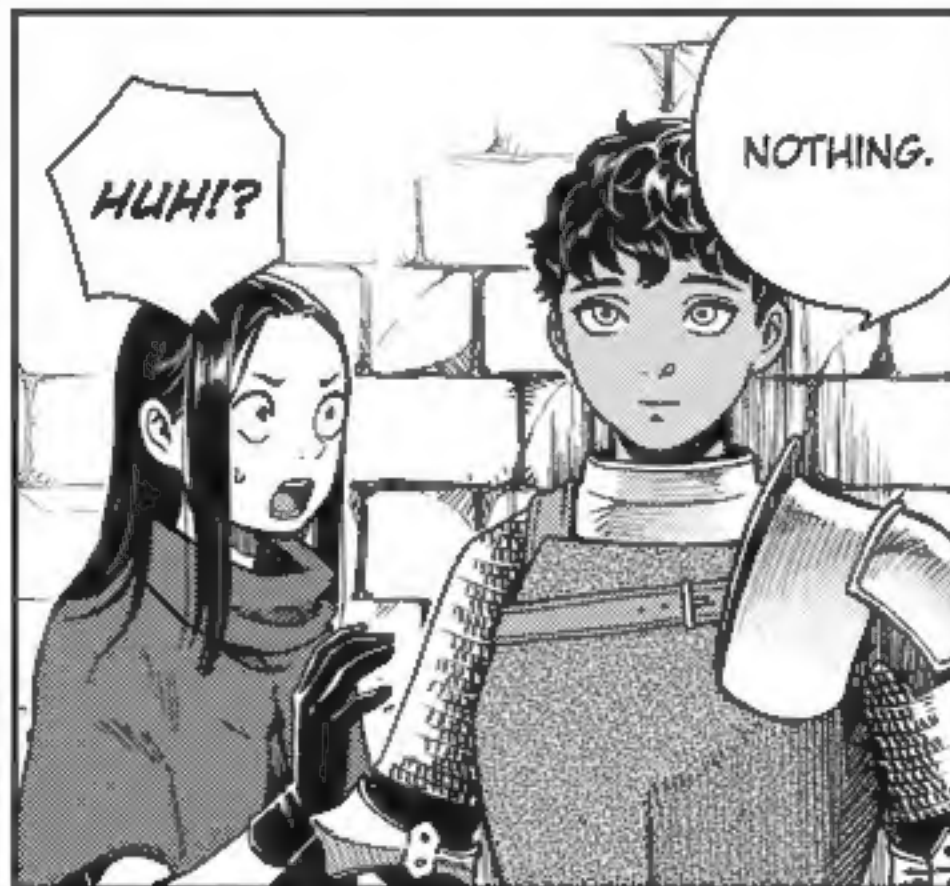
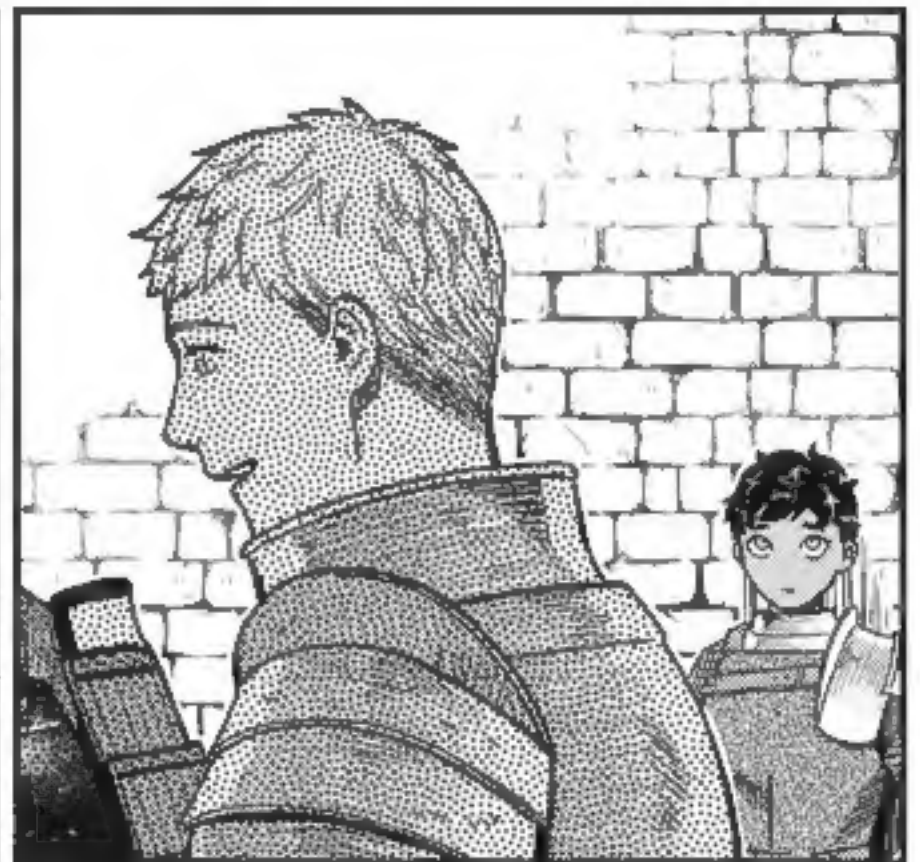
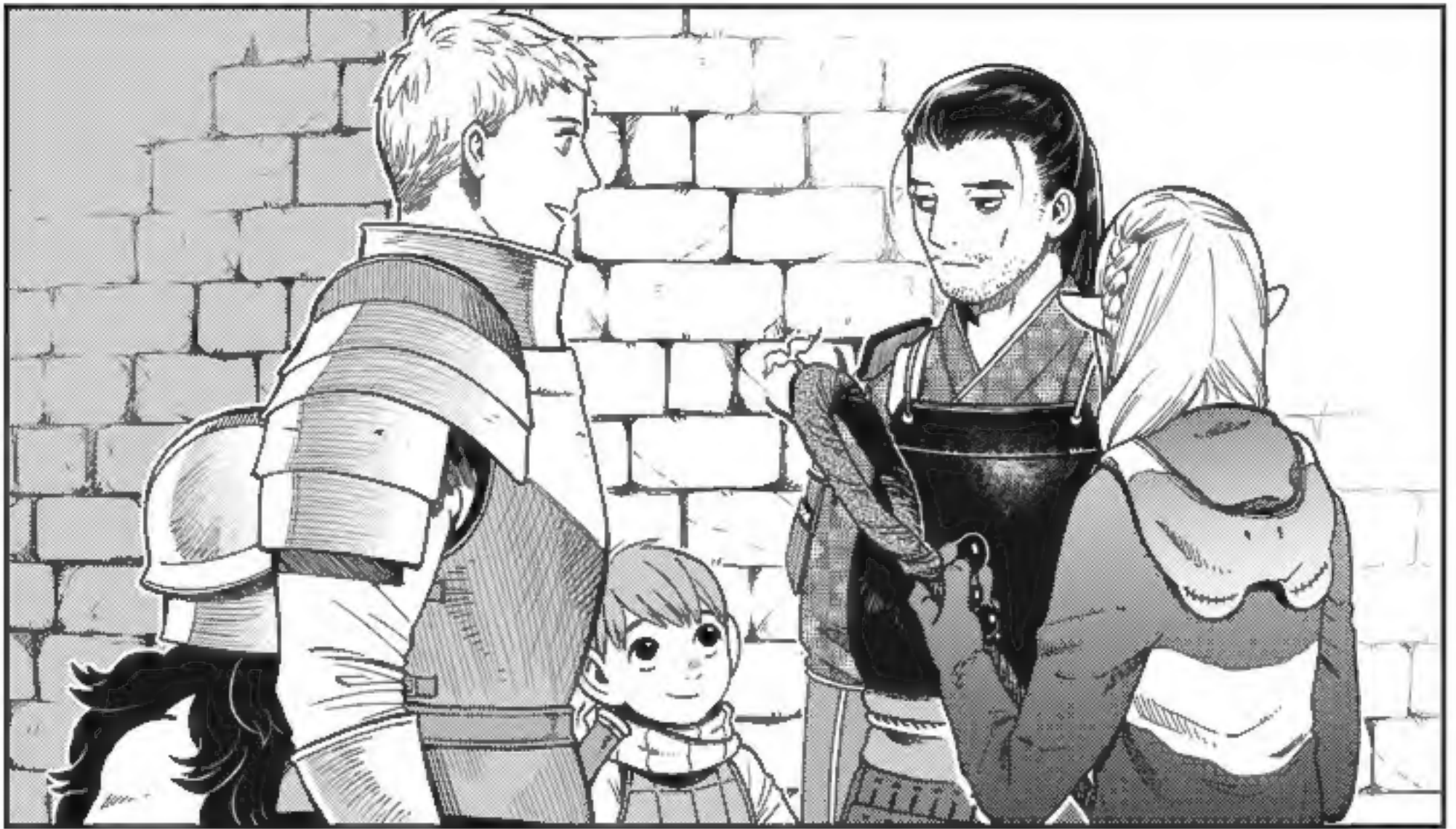
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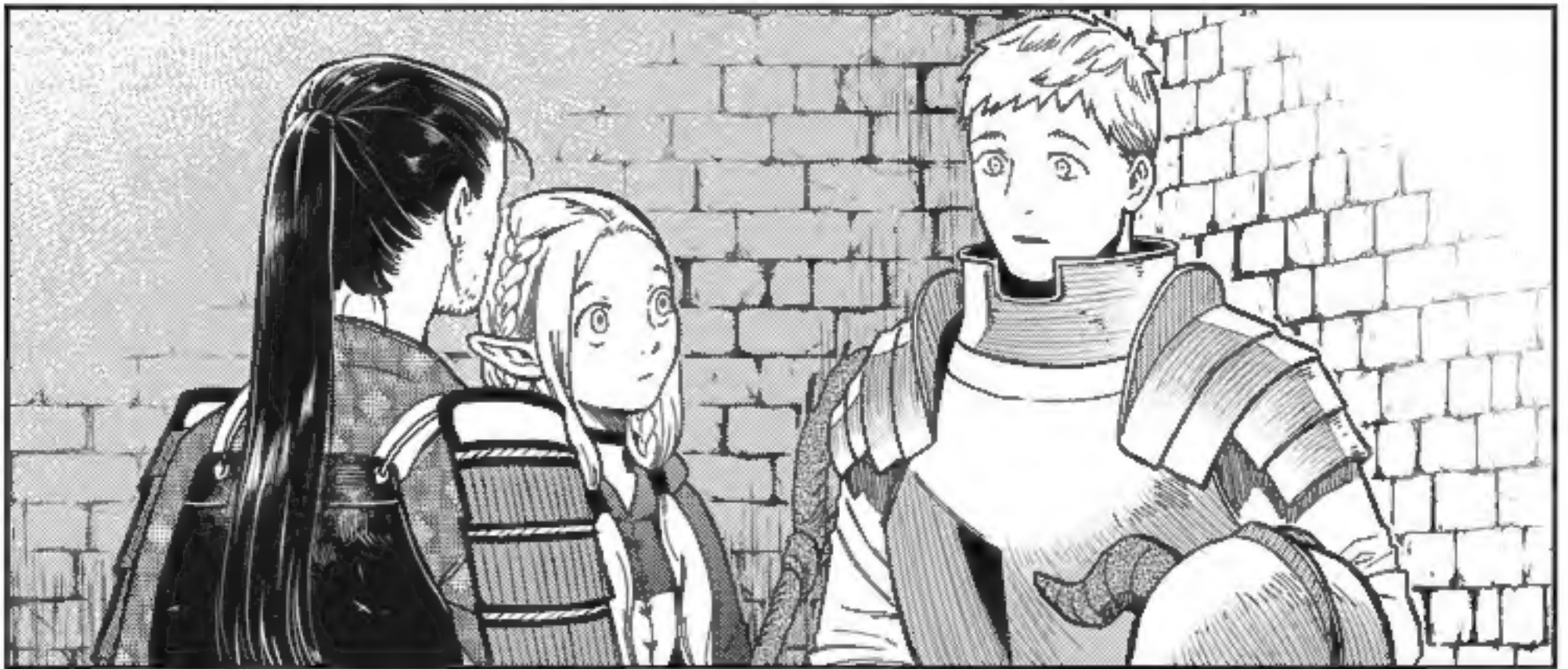
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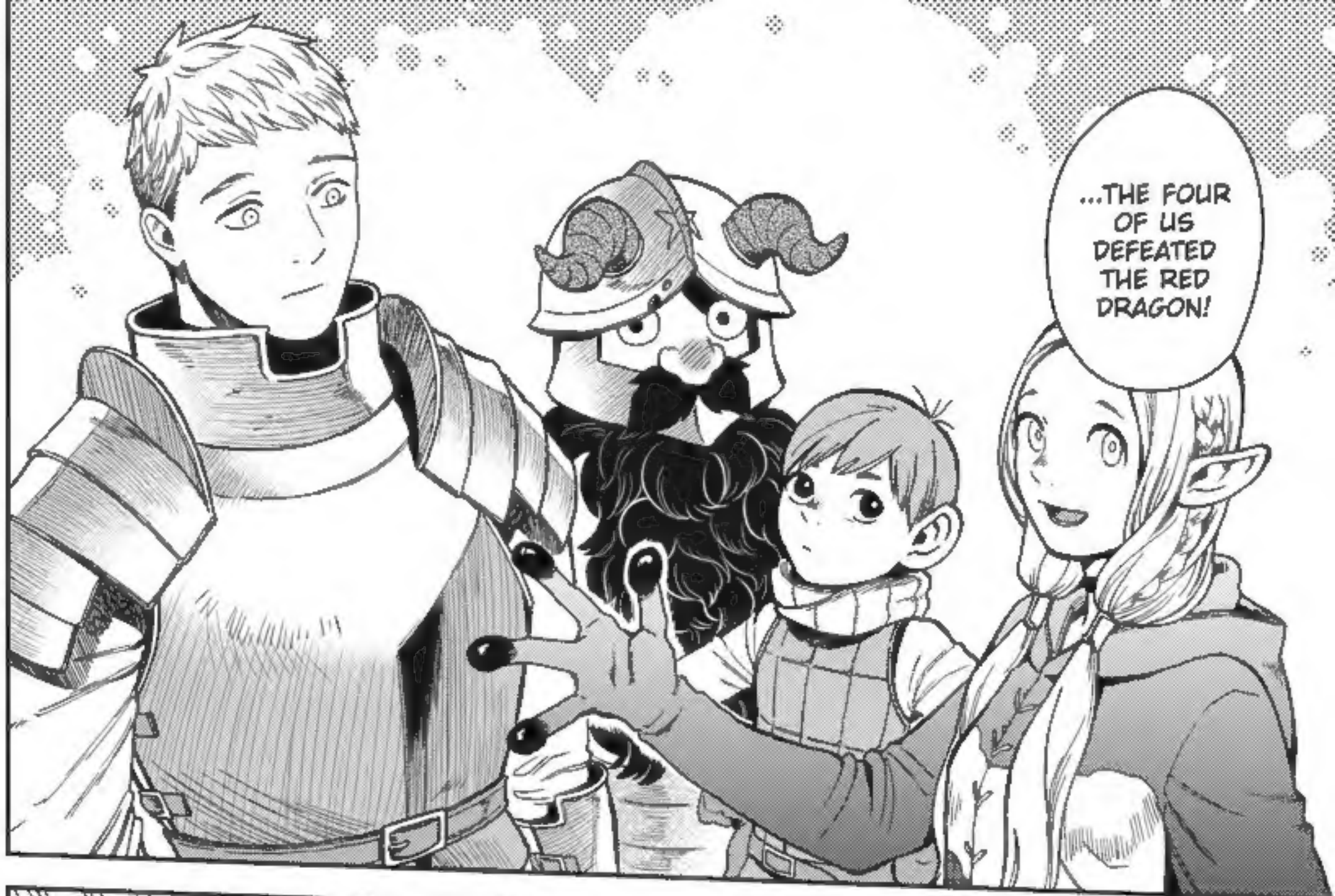


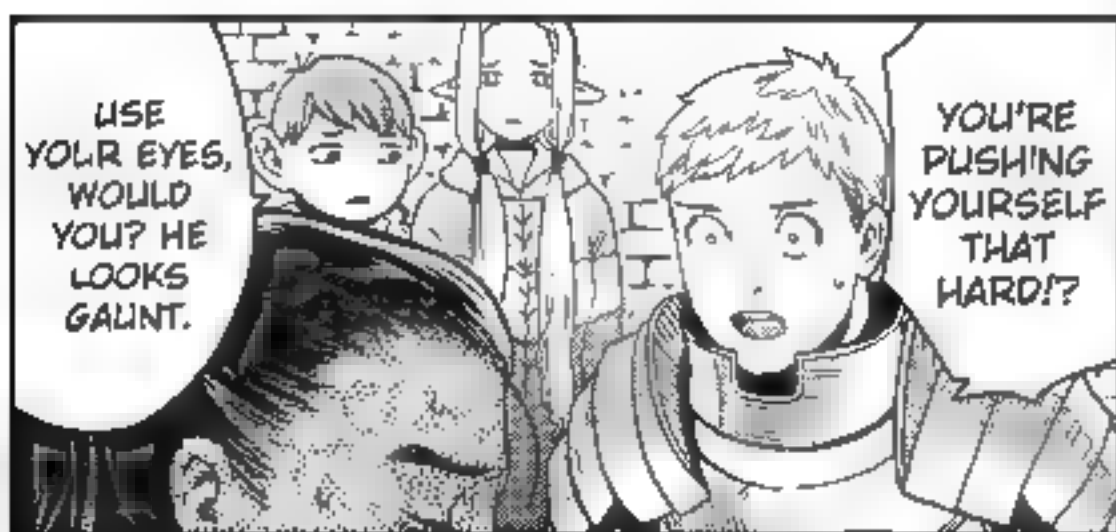


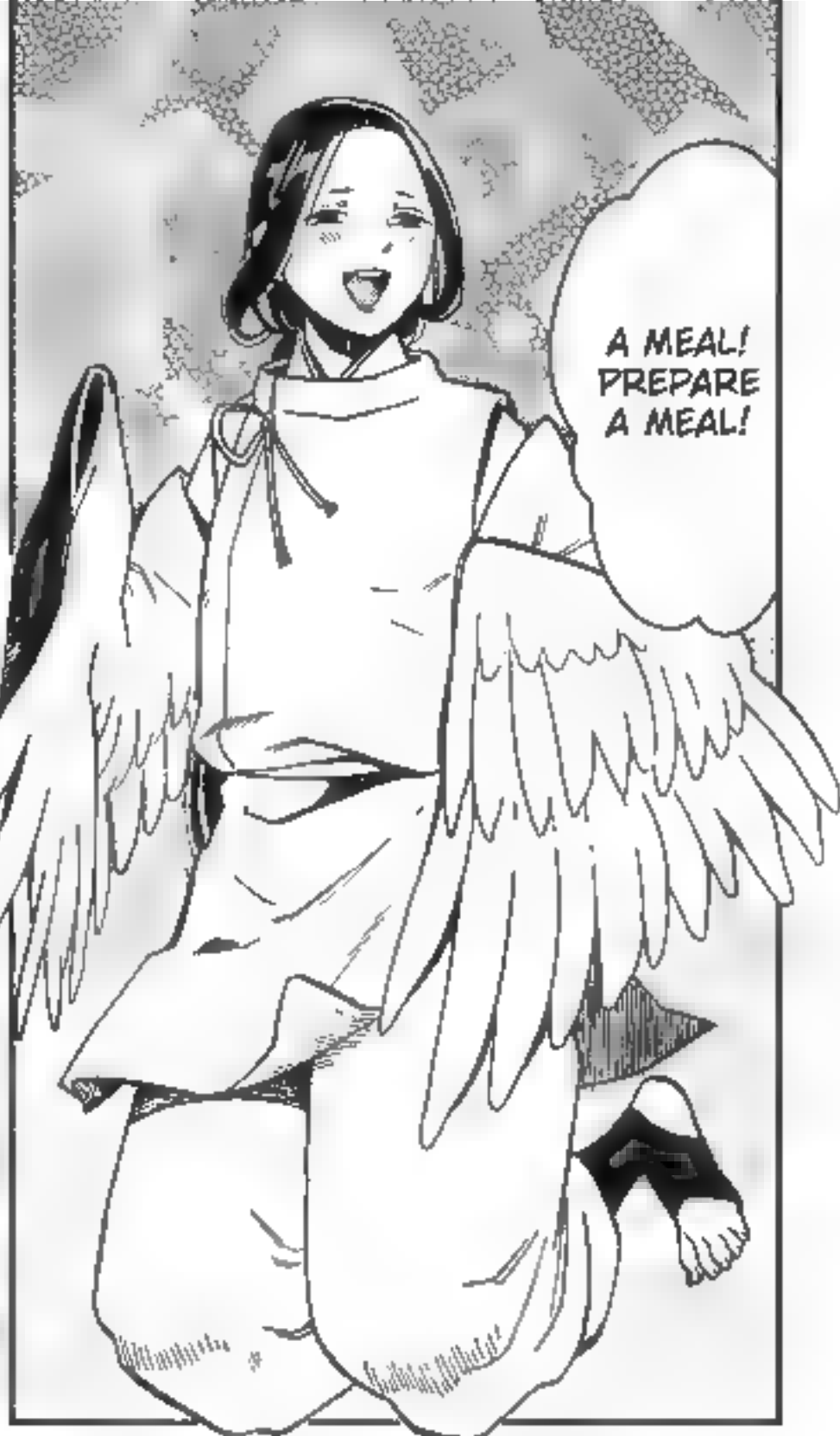


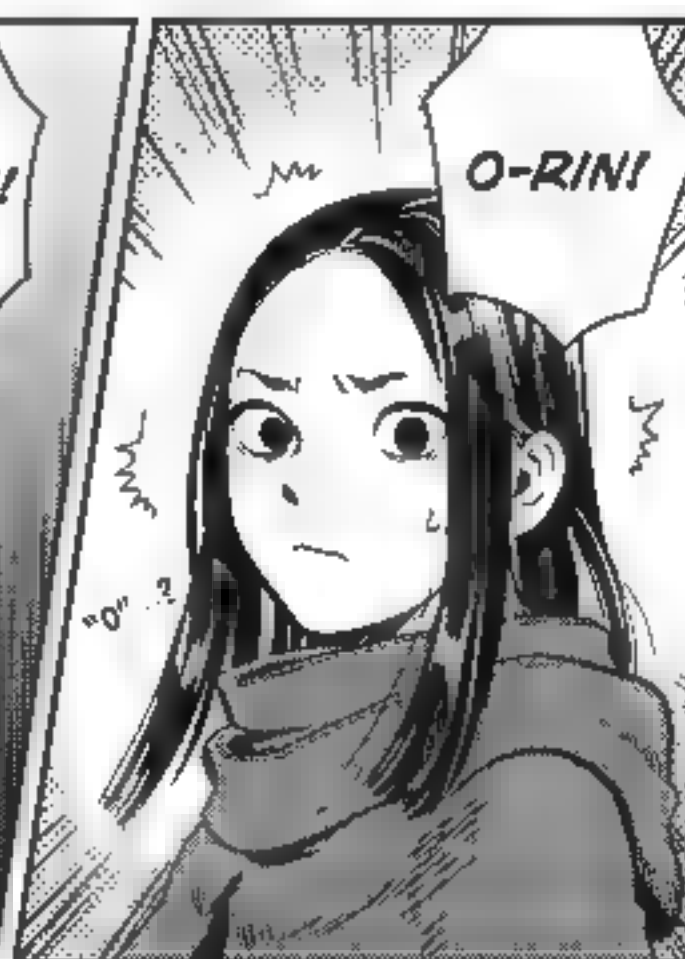


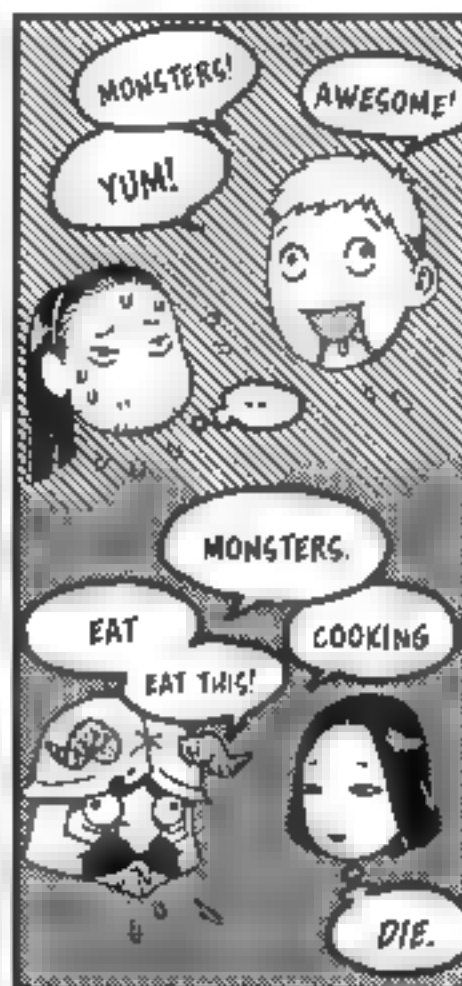
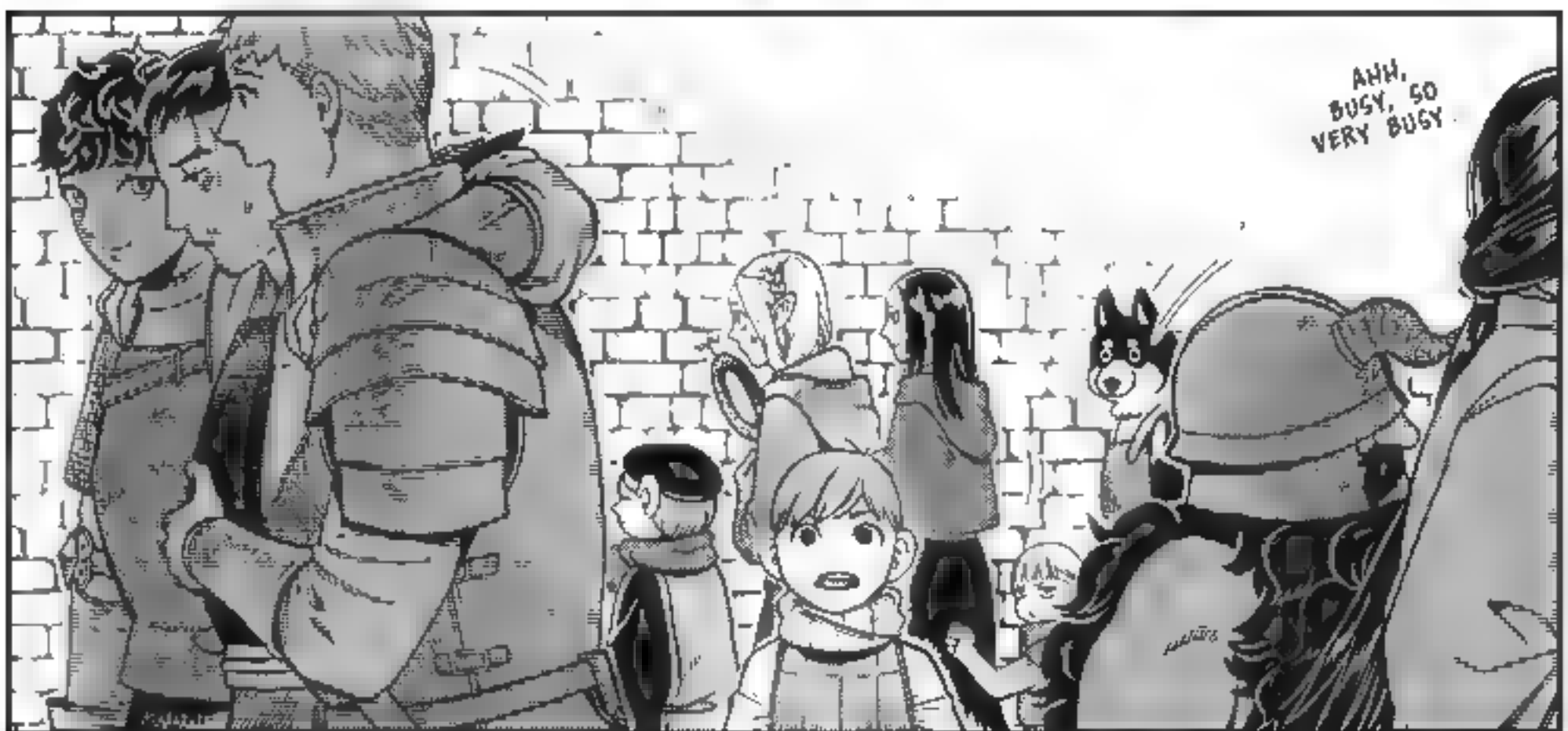


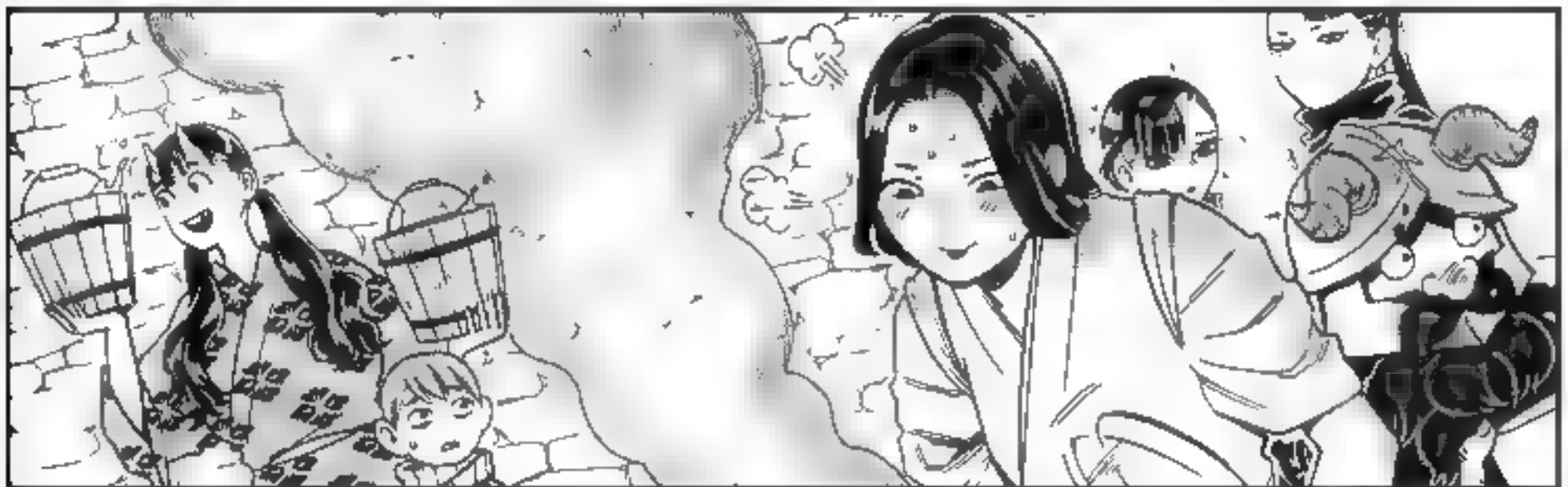
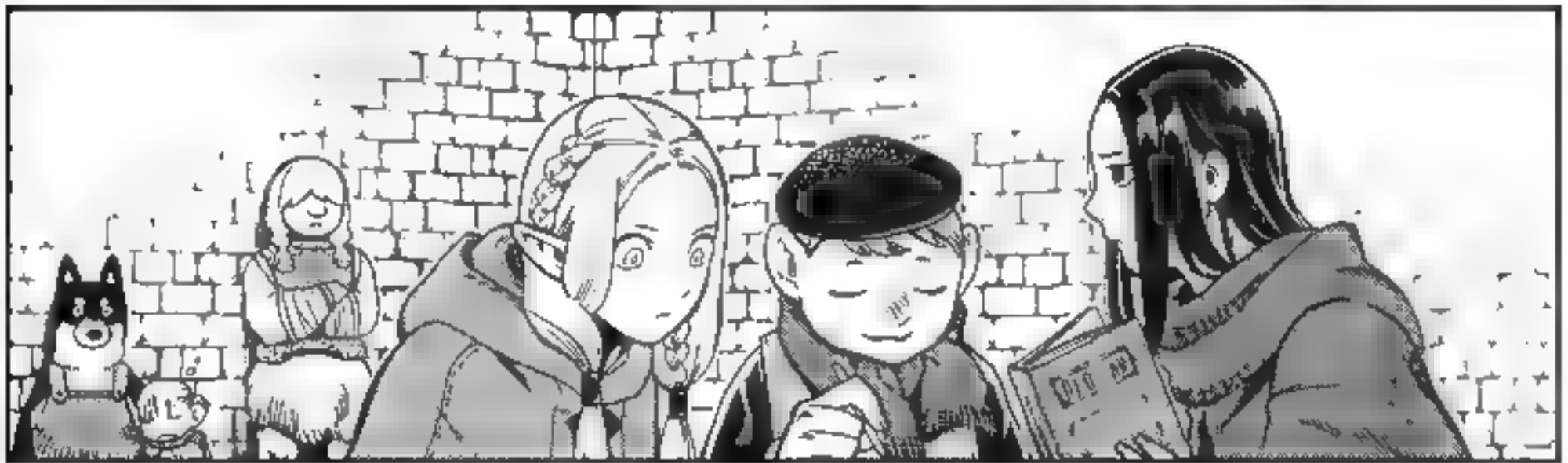


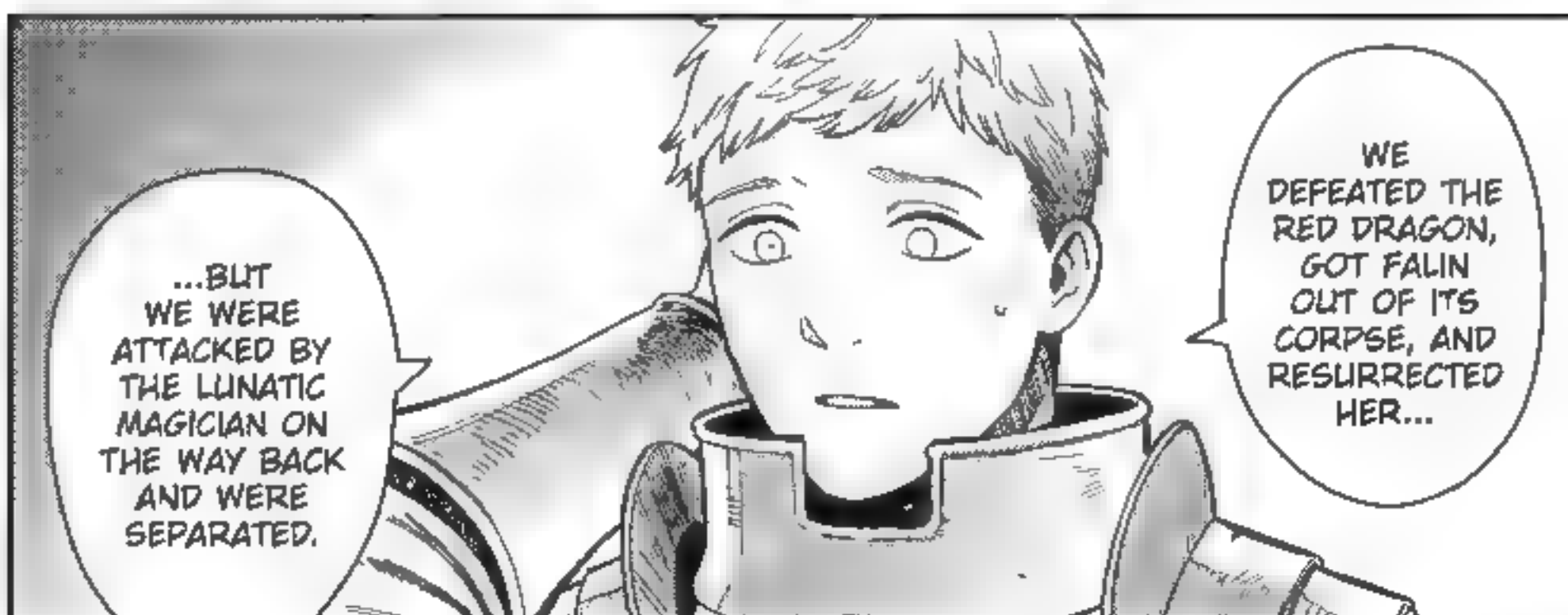
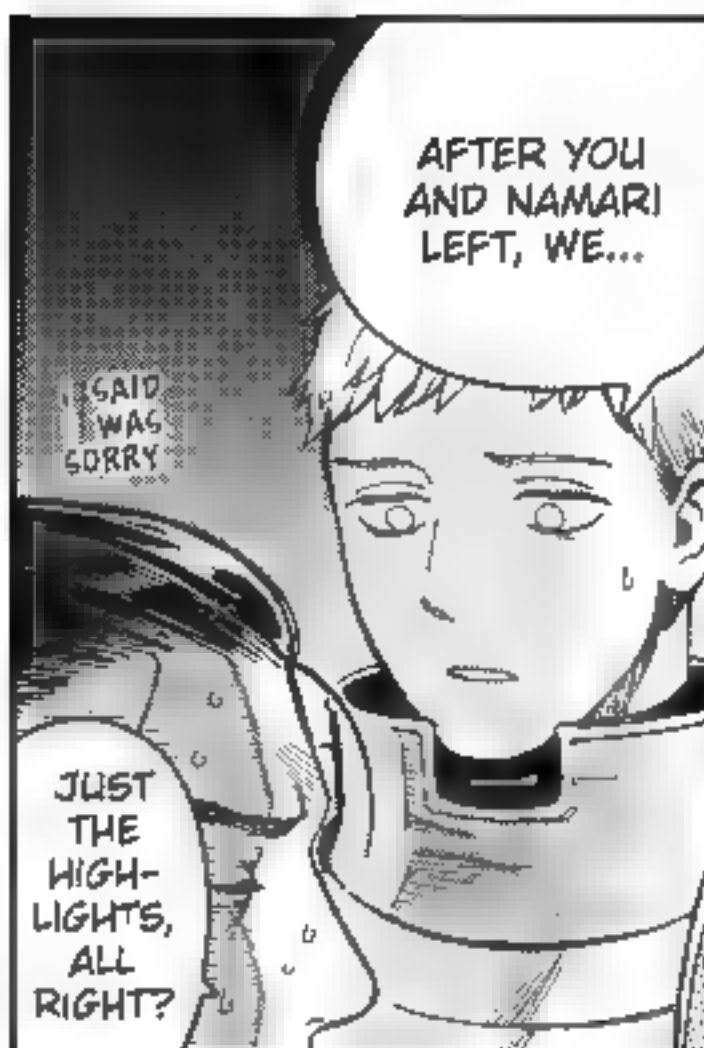












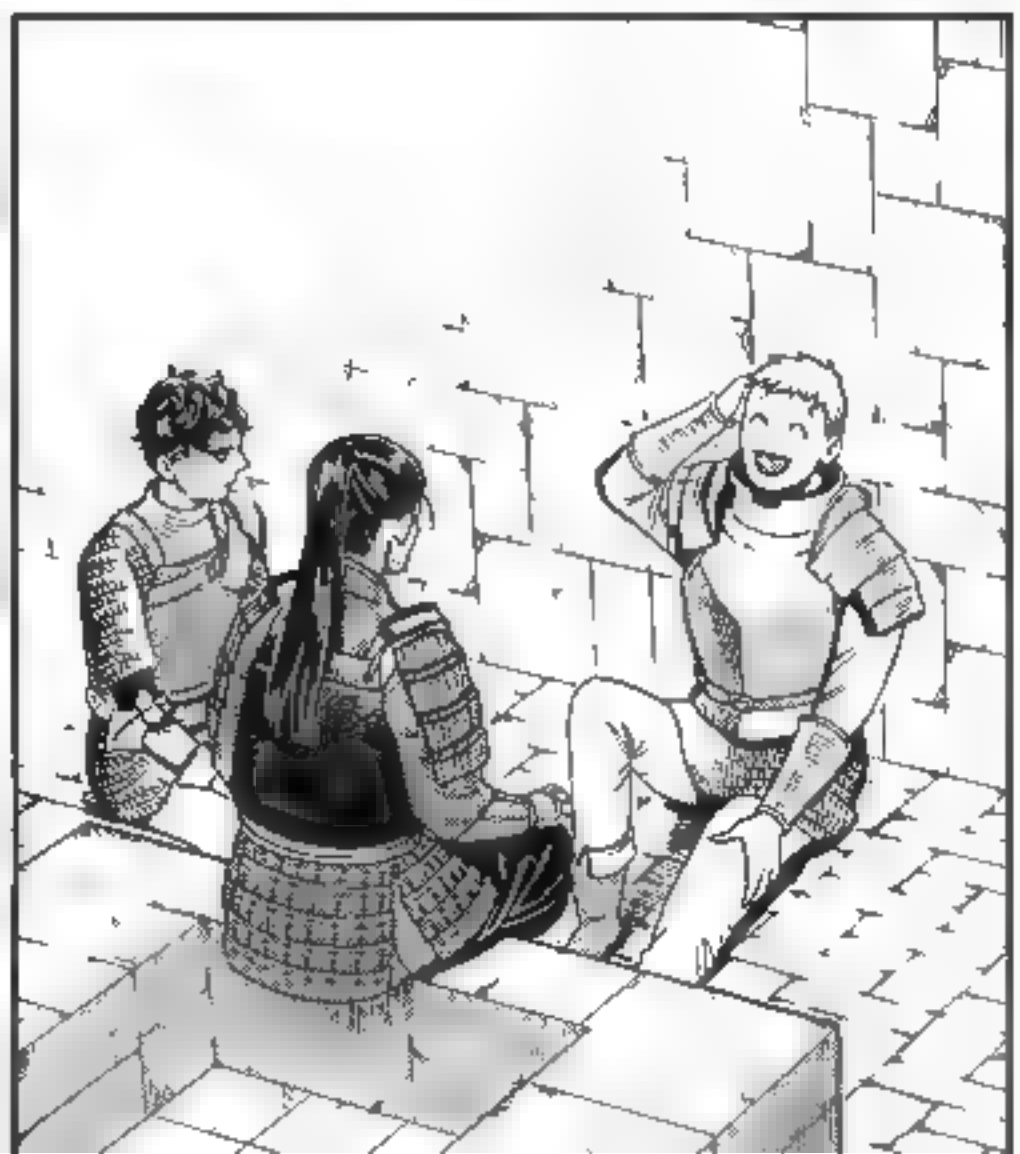




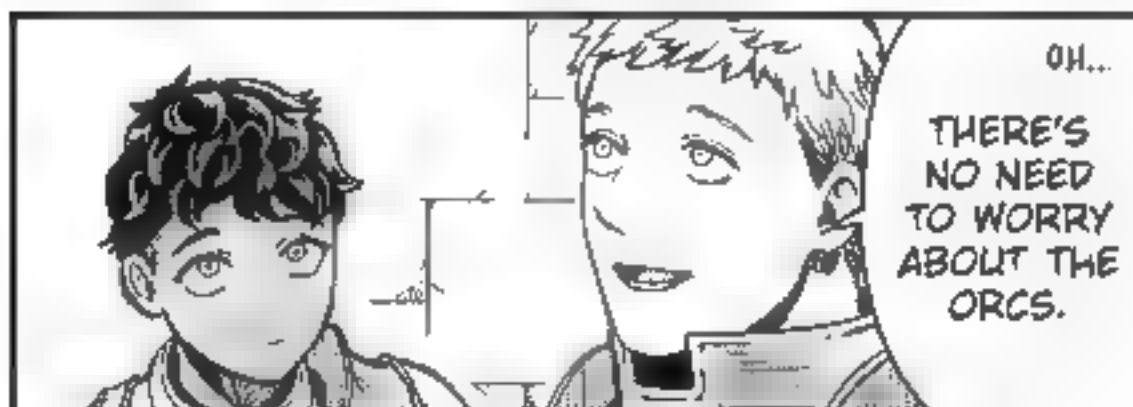
SFX: DOKI (BADMP)



WE LEFT EVERYTHING IN THE DEPTHS. OUR MONEY AND FOOD TOO. REMEMBER?









TAKEN AWAY!?

WHY!?



IF IT'S SHURO... IT SHOULD BE SAFE.

WELL, UH...



WE AREN'T SURE, BUT...

...FALIN MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY THE LUNATIC MAGICIAN.

IF SO, SHE'LL BE ON AN EVEN DEEPER LEVEL.



I'LL STEP OUTSIDE, THEN.

THANK YOU.

GO, ASEBI.



...I'D, UH...

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HIM ALONE FOR A MINUTE.



...IN ORDER TO RESURRECT FALIN FROM THE STATE SHE WAS IN, WE...



AND...?

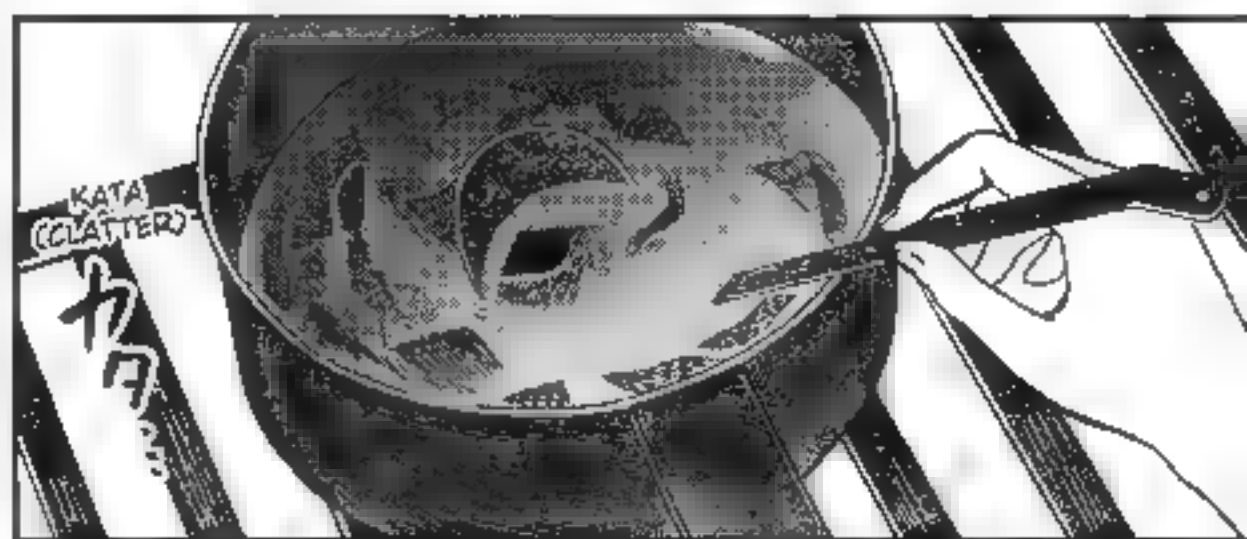
RIGHT.



MEALS
HAVE TO
DO MORE
THAN JUST
FILL YOUR
BELLY.

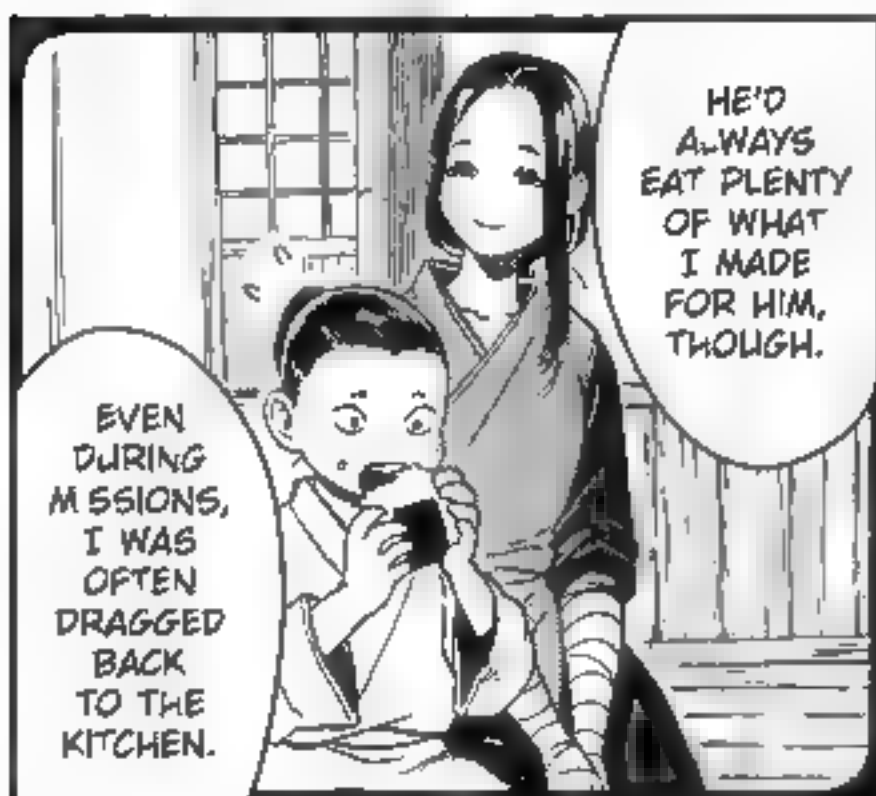
I'M
WITH
YOU
THERE.

YOU'RE
QUITE
SENSIBLE,
DWARF.



THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH FIELD
RATION
PELLETS,
BUT EVERY
DAY...?

ONCE
IN A
WHILE,
ONE
SHOULD
EAT HOT
FOOD.



HE'D
ALWAYS
EAT PLENTY
OF WHAT
I MADE
FOR HIM,
THOUGH.

EVEN
DURING
MISSIONS,
I WAS
OFTEN
DRAGGED
BACK
TO THE
KITCHEN.



AS A
CHILD, THE
YOUNG
MASTER
WAS
OFTEN
SICK...

HERE SHE
GOES
AGAIN

...AND HIS
APPETITE
WAS SMA...
EVERYONE
WORRIED
ABOUT HIM.

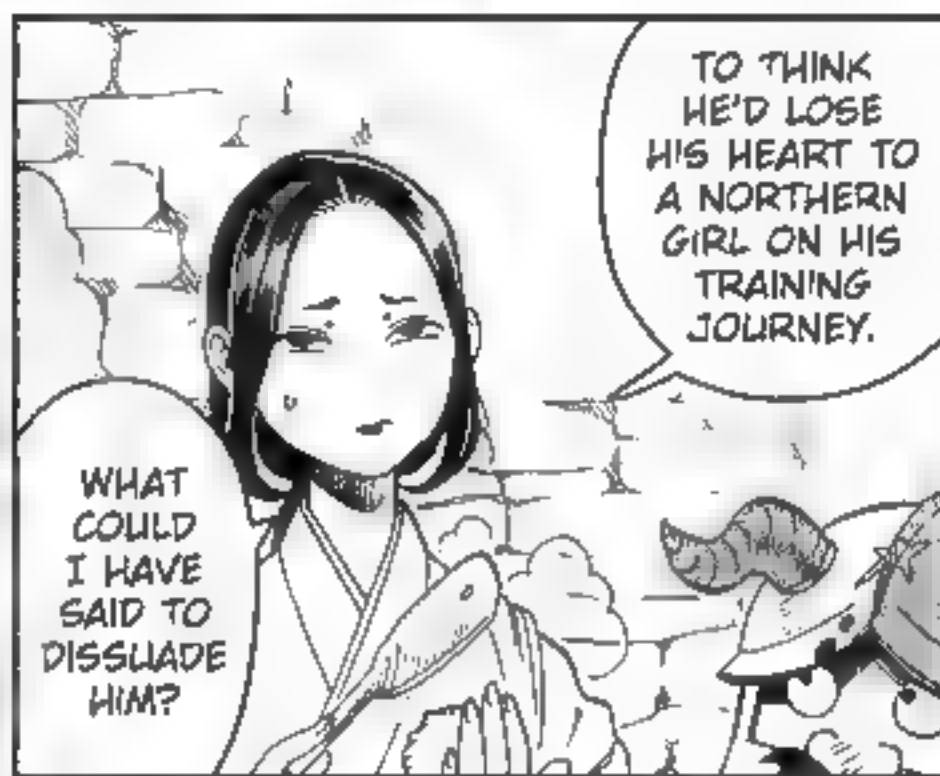
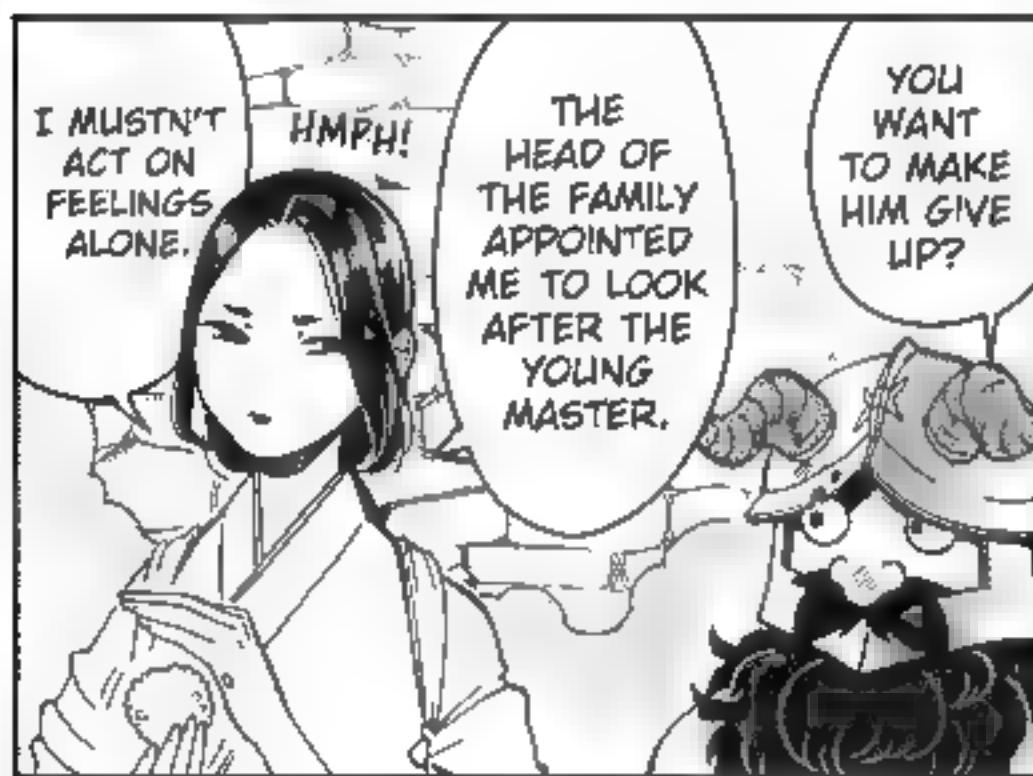


MAIZURU,
PLEASE.



BUT HIS
COMPLIANCE
HAS ALWAYS
MADE ME
ANXIOUS.

THIS IS
THE ONLY
SELFISH
REQUEST
HE'S EVER
MADE.





FU-FU!
WAS
THAT AN
ATTEMPT
AT A
PIQUANT
REMARK?

OH! SIMPLY
BECAUSE IT
WAS ABOUT
FOOD?

PFFT!

WHAT?



IT WAS
LOVE.

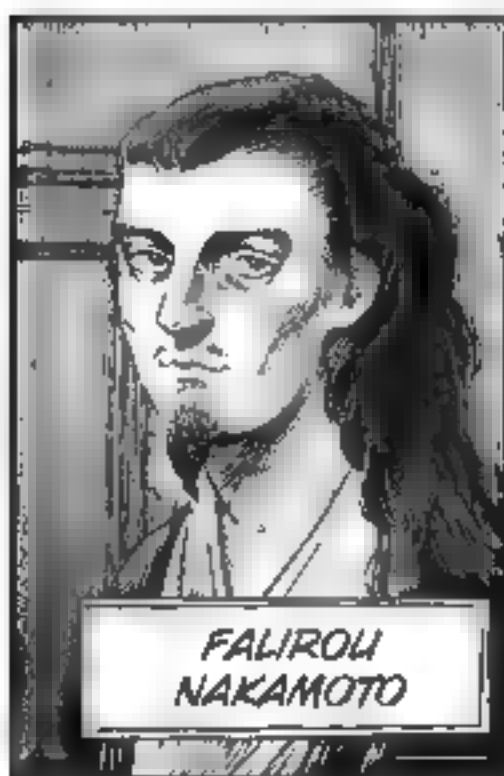


DEPENDING
ON HOW
THINGS
TURN OUT...

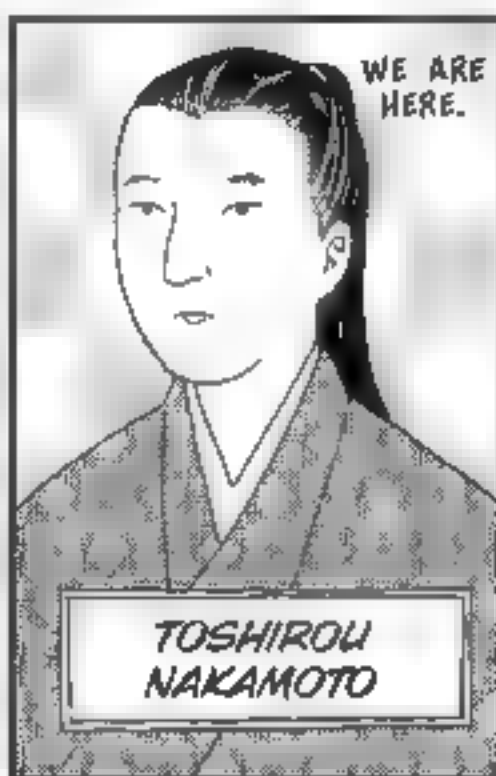
...I MAY
PUT IN
A GOOD
WORD FOR
THEM.

BUT...

YES,
IT MAY
BE TOO
LATE.



FALIROU
NAKAMOTO



TOSHIROU
NAKAMOTO



TOSHITSUGU
NAKAMOTO



TSUGLIYOSHI
NAKAMOTO



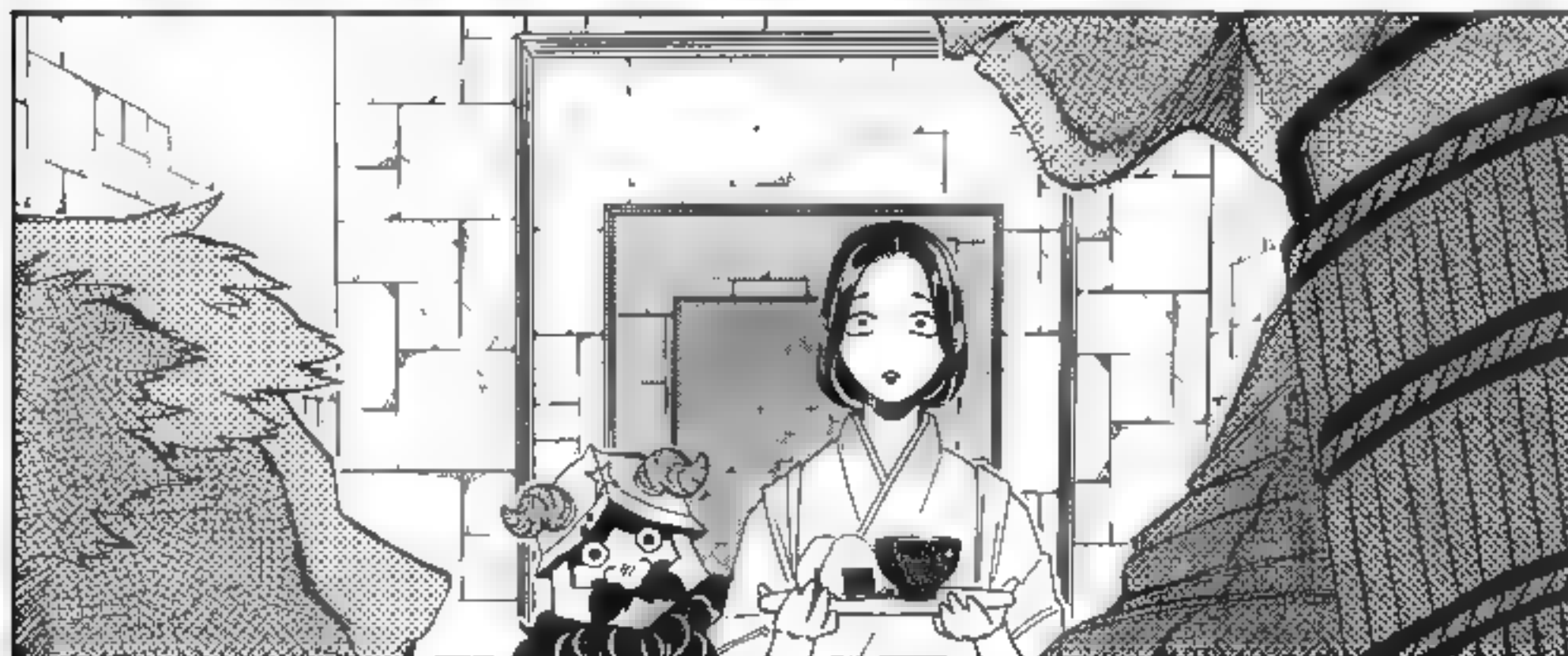
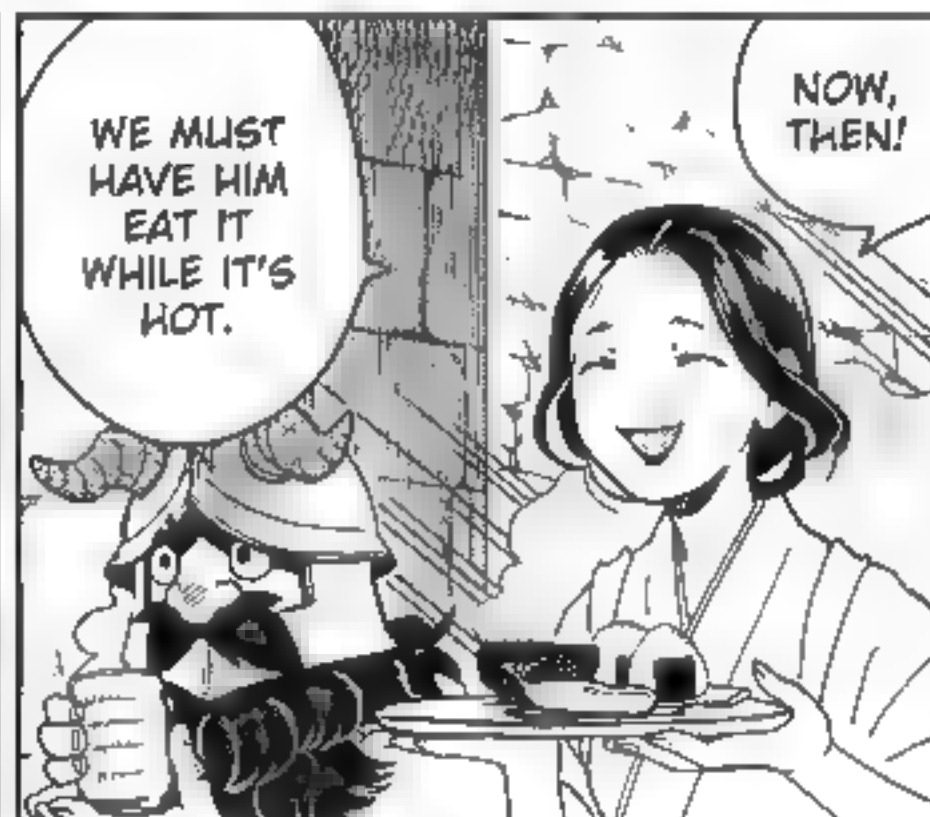
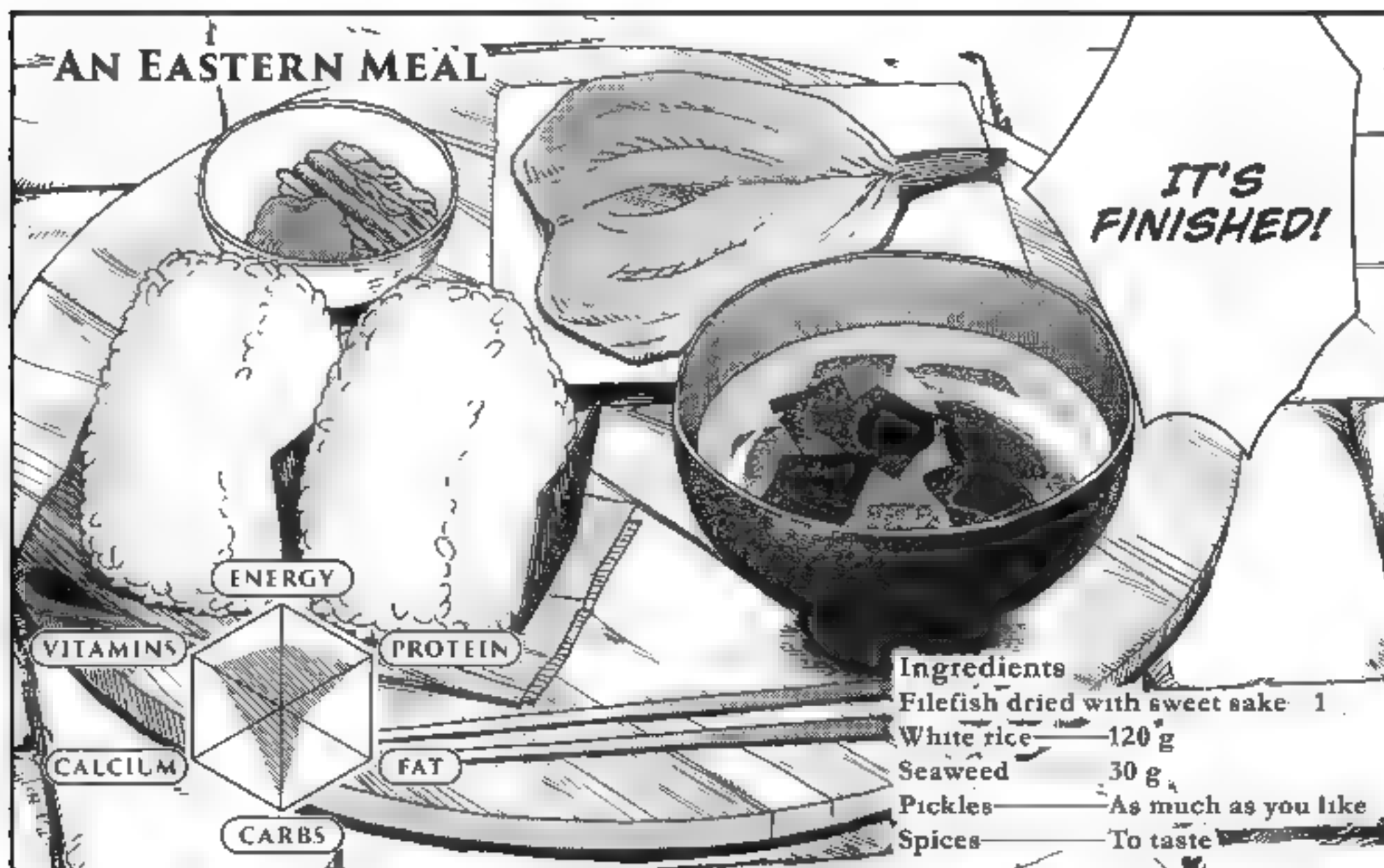
GOOD.
THIS
SHOULD
DO.

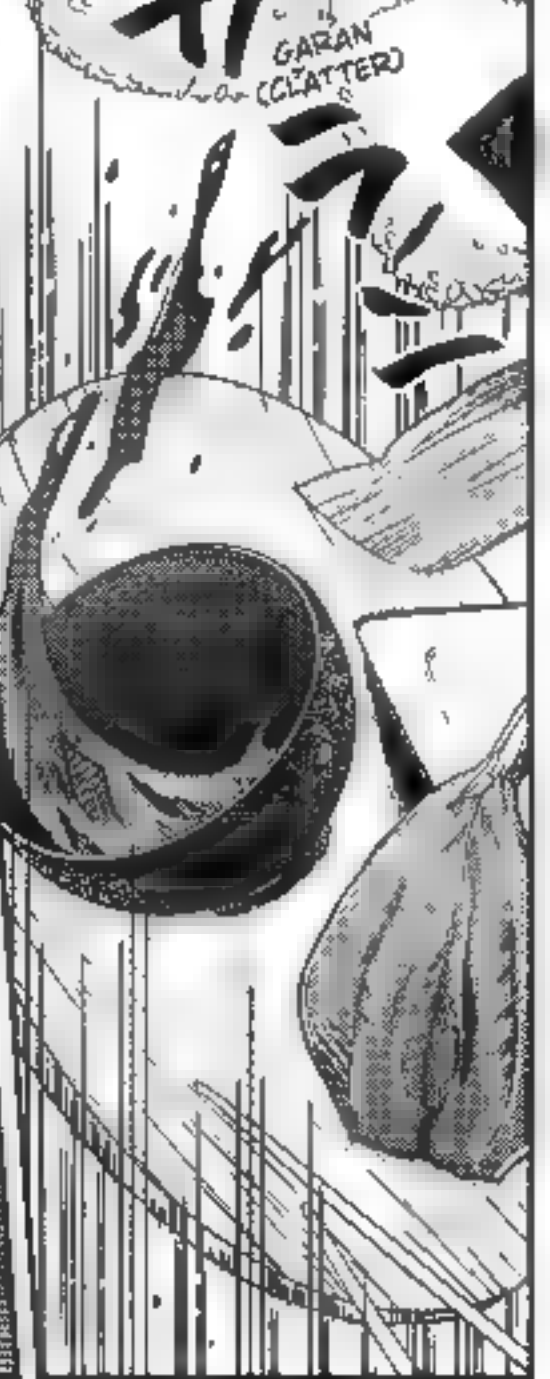


IT MIGHT
BE A BIT
OF A
STRETCH.

THE PAINTING
STYLE
CHANGED!

NOOOOOO,
THAT
WOULDN'T
WORK!!









THE
REASON
AND
DEGREE
DON'T
MATTER.

ALL WHO
INVOLVE
THEMSELVES
WITH BLACK
MAGIC...

...ARE
CRIMINALS
OF THE
HIGHEST
ORDER.



WHY
WOULD
YOU...?

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'VE
DONE?



IF THE
ELVES OF
THE WEST
FIND OUT...

...WHO
KNOWS
WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN
TO HER...?

THEY'RE
LOCKED
AWAY IN A
LIGHTLESS
PLACE
UNTIL
DEATH...

...AND
EVEN THEIR
CORPSES
AREN'T
RETURNED.



.....

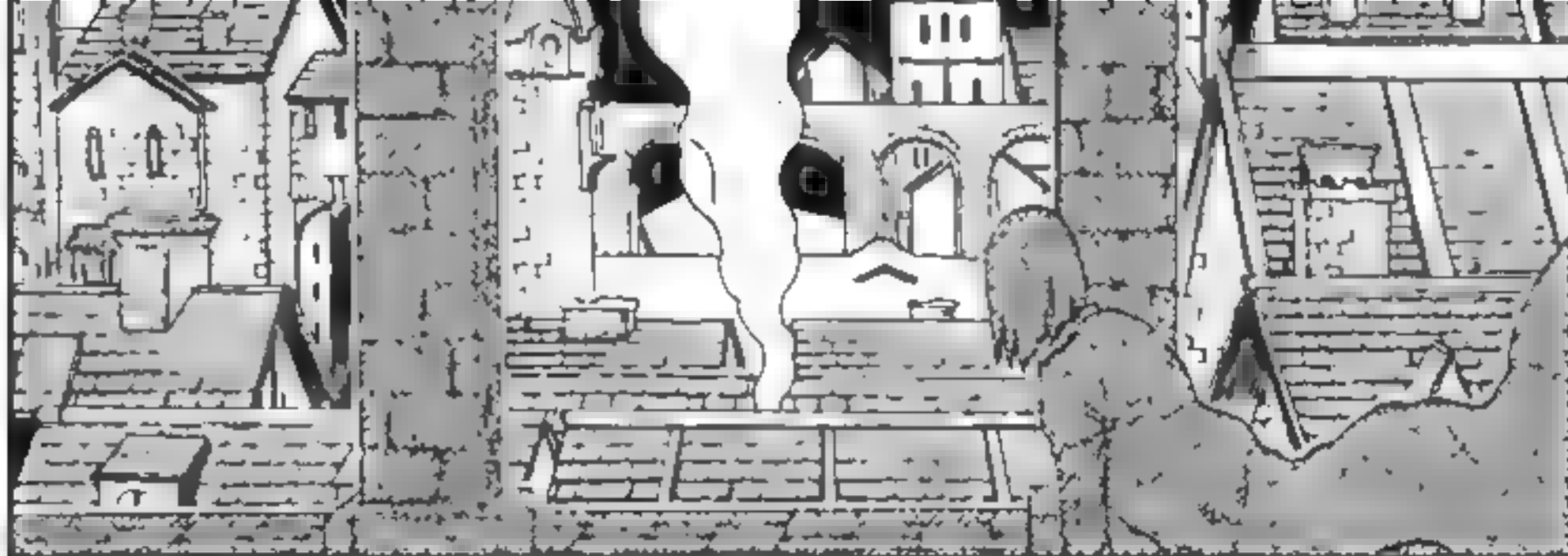


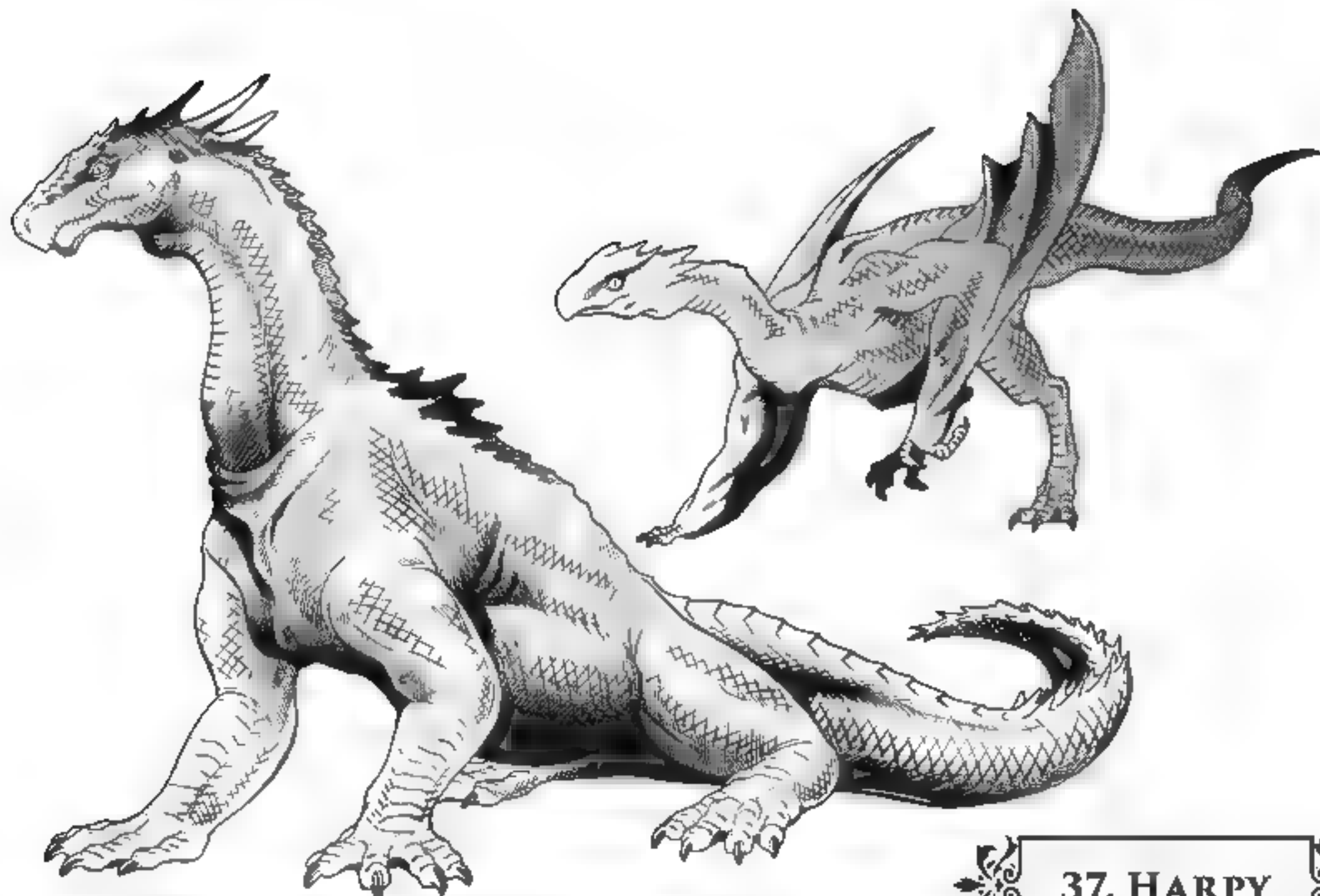
AND YOU
WON'T
TELL
ANYONE
ABOUT
THIS...

...WILL
YOU?

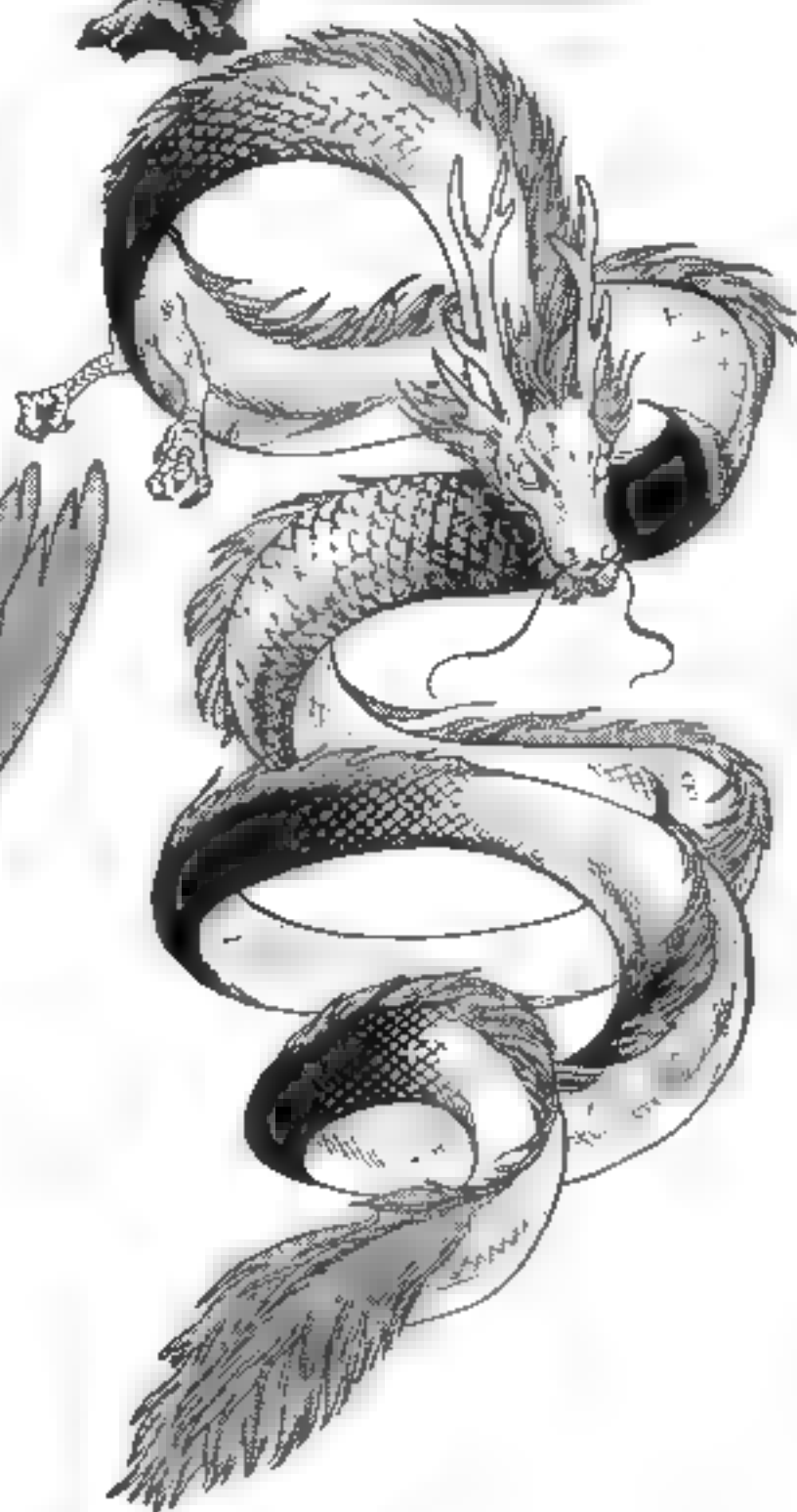
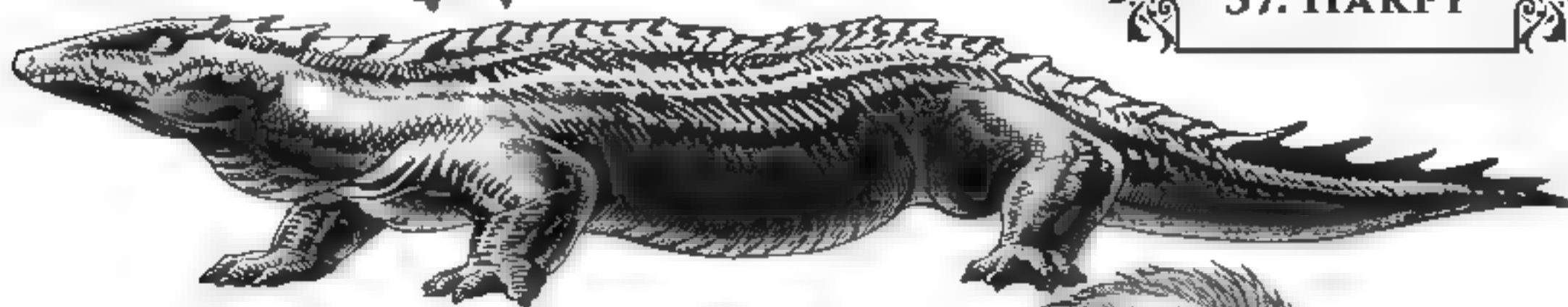
THAT'S IF
THE STORY
LEAVES THE
DUNGEON.





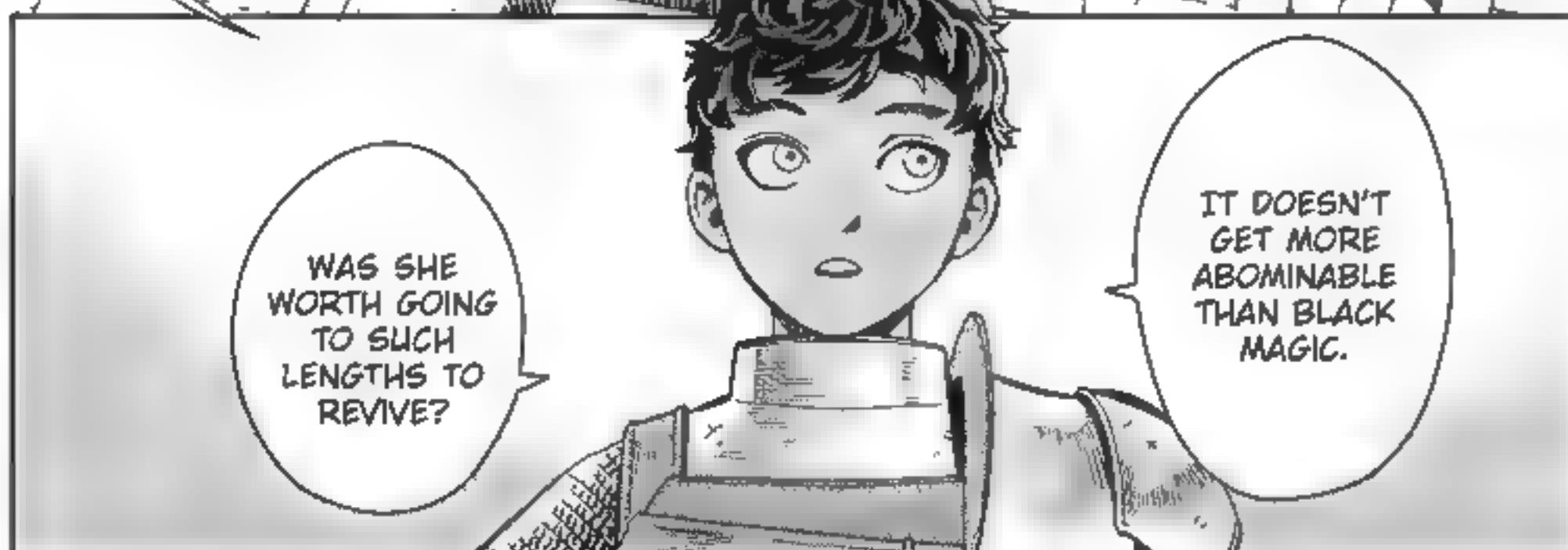


37. HARPY



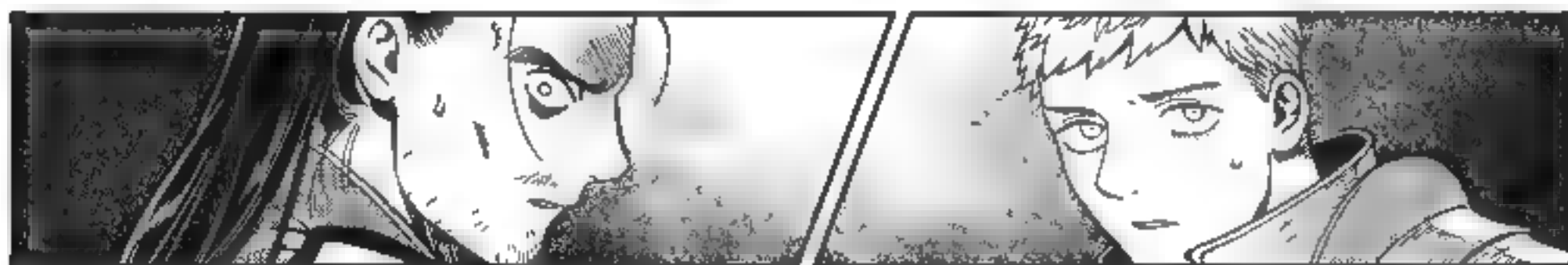


WOW...
SERIOUSLY.



WAS SHE
WORTH GOING
TO SUCH
LENGTHS TO
REVIVE?

IT DOESN'T
GET MORE
ABOMINABLE
THAN BLACK
MAGIC.



FOR HER
SAKE TOO,
JUST
LETTING
HER DIE
WOULD
HAVE—

ENOUGH
!!



USING
DUBIOUS
METHODS
LIKE THAT
FOR A
RESURREC-
TION...

IT'S ALL
RISK, NO
BENEFIT.



IT'S NO
WONDER
YOU'RE
ANGRY,
SHURO.







I
RESPECT
HIM.



DON'T
LET IT
GET TO
YOU.

HE'S A
LITTLE
TIRED
TOO.



WAIT, IS
THIS MY
FAULT? DID
I CHOOSE
WRONG?
HUH??



SHIRO
WAS
ALWAYS
COOL-
HEADED
AND
SMART.

...BUT
HE TOLD
ME ABOUT
OTHER
COUNTRIES.

I ONLY
KNOW MY
HOMELAND
AND THIS
ISLAND...

I'VE LOST
COUNT OF
HOW MANY
TIMES HE'S
SAVED ME ON
ADVENTURES.



AH
HA
HA...

I'LL BE
SAD IF OUR
FRIENDSHIP
ENDS LIKE
THIS, BUT...

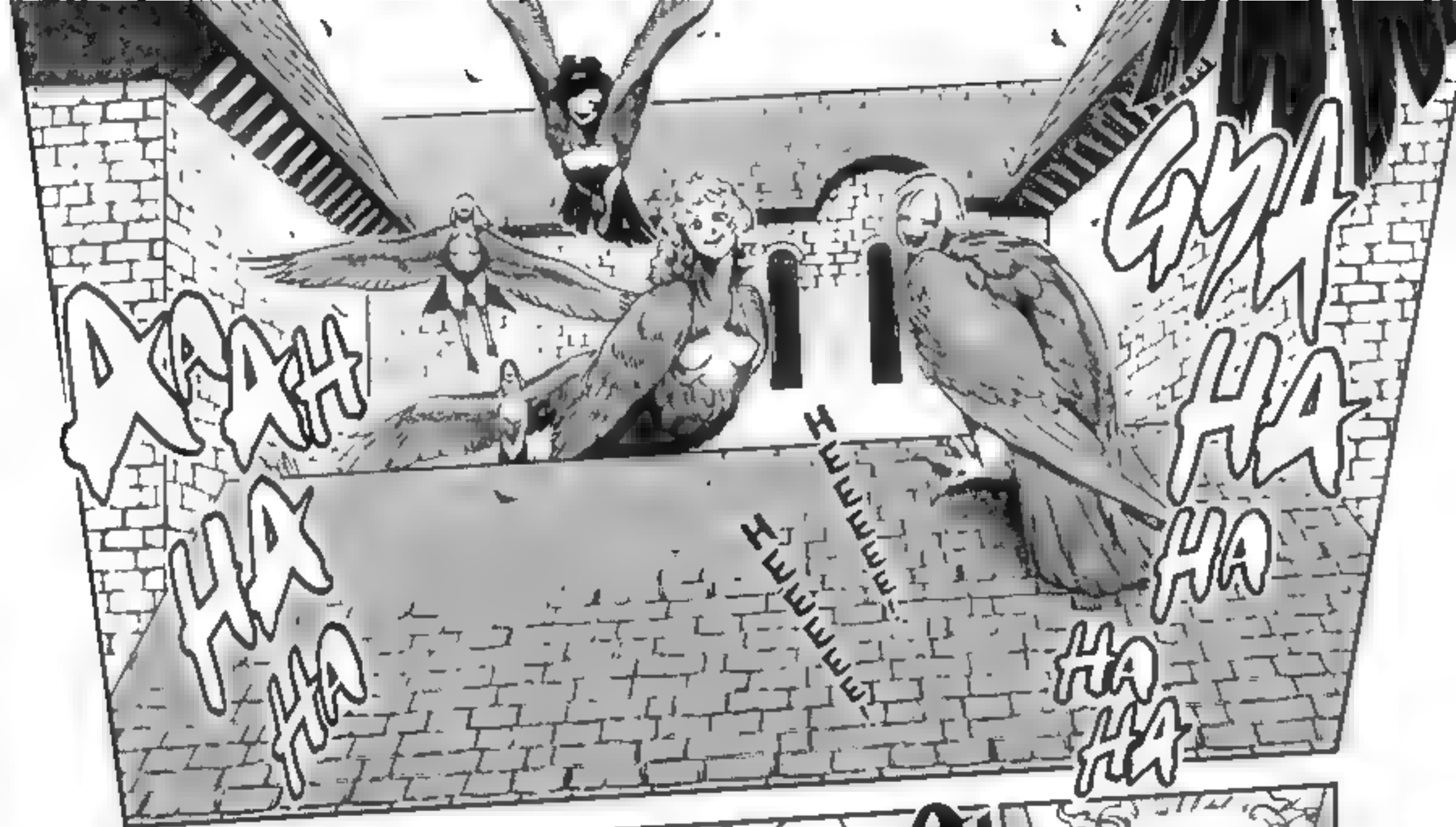


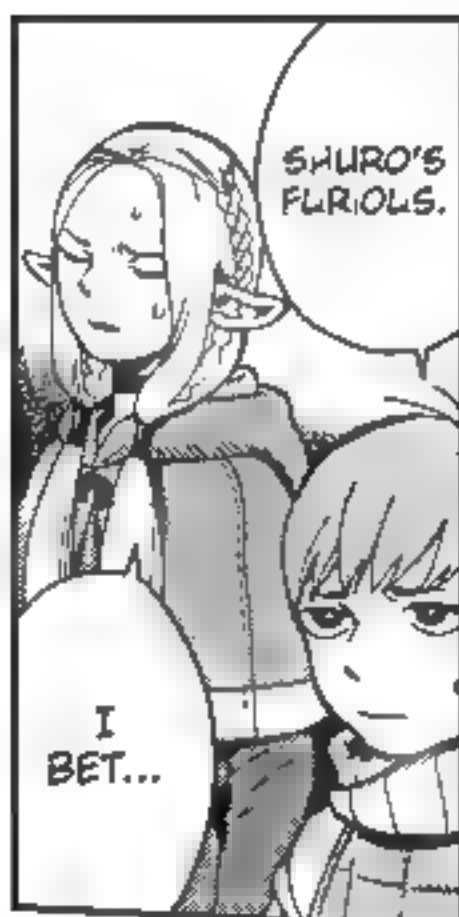
.....



IF IT
MADE HIM
BLOW
UP LIKE
THAT...

...WHAT I
DID MUST
HAVE BEEN
PRETTY
BAD.







NIKO
(SMILE)



...AND
THAT
CURLY-
HAIR
GUY.



FOUR,
CURRENTLY.

SHURO,
TWO OF HIS
ATTENDANT
WOMEN...

FOR NOW,
WHO ELSE
KNOWS?



THE
FISH-
MEN
GOT
THEM
TOO.

NO
IDEA.

MAYBE
HE'S
LOOKING
FOR
WHOEVER
IT WAS
THAT
STOLE
THEIR
TROPHIES
AND
FOOD?



WHY
IS HE
HERE!?

...THE
GROUP
THE
TREASURE
INSECTS
WIPED
OUT,
RIGHT?



URK...

HE'S
ONE OF
THE...



THE
BIGGER
ISSUE
IS THAT
BLACK
MAGIC.



JUST
LEAVE
IT.
THEY'LL
NEVER
KNOW.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO
ADMIT
THAT
HALF
THAT
TREASURE
WAS
REAL,
AND
WE
DID
STEAL
THEIR
FOOD!?

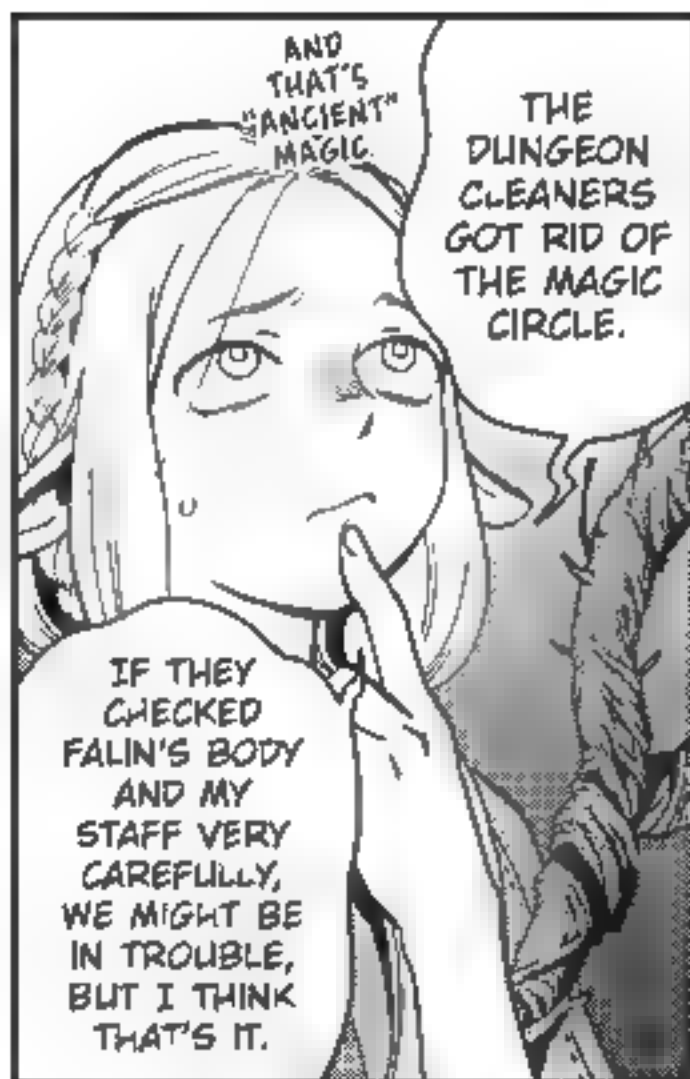
THERE'S
NO
PROOF.



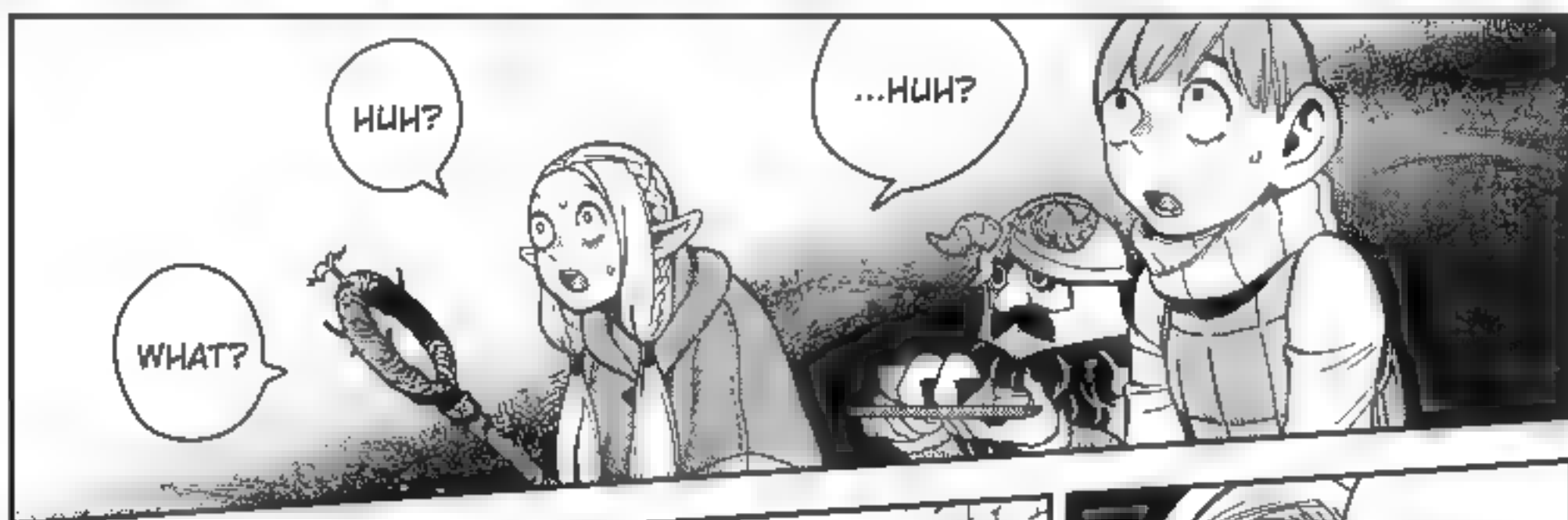
THE
TROPHIES
WERE
TREASURE
INSECTS,
AND
THE
FOOD
WAS
SOAKED
AND
RUINED,
SO
WE...

W-WE
HAVE
TO
CLEAR
THAT
UP!

DON'T,
YOU
IDIOT!









**IT'S
INCREDIBLY
COOL...**

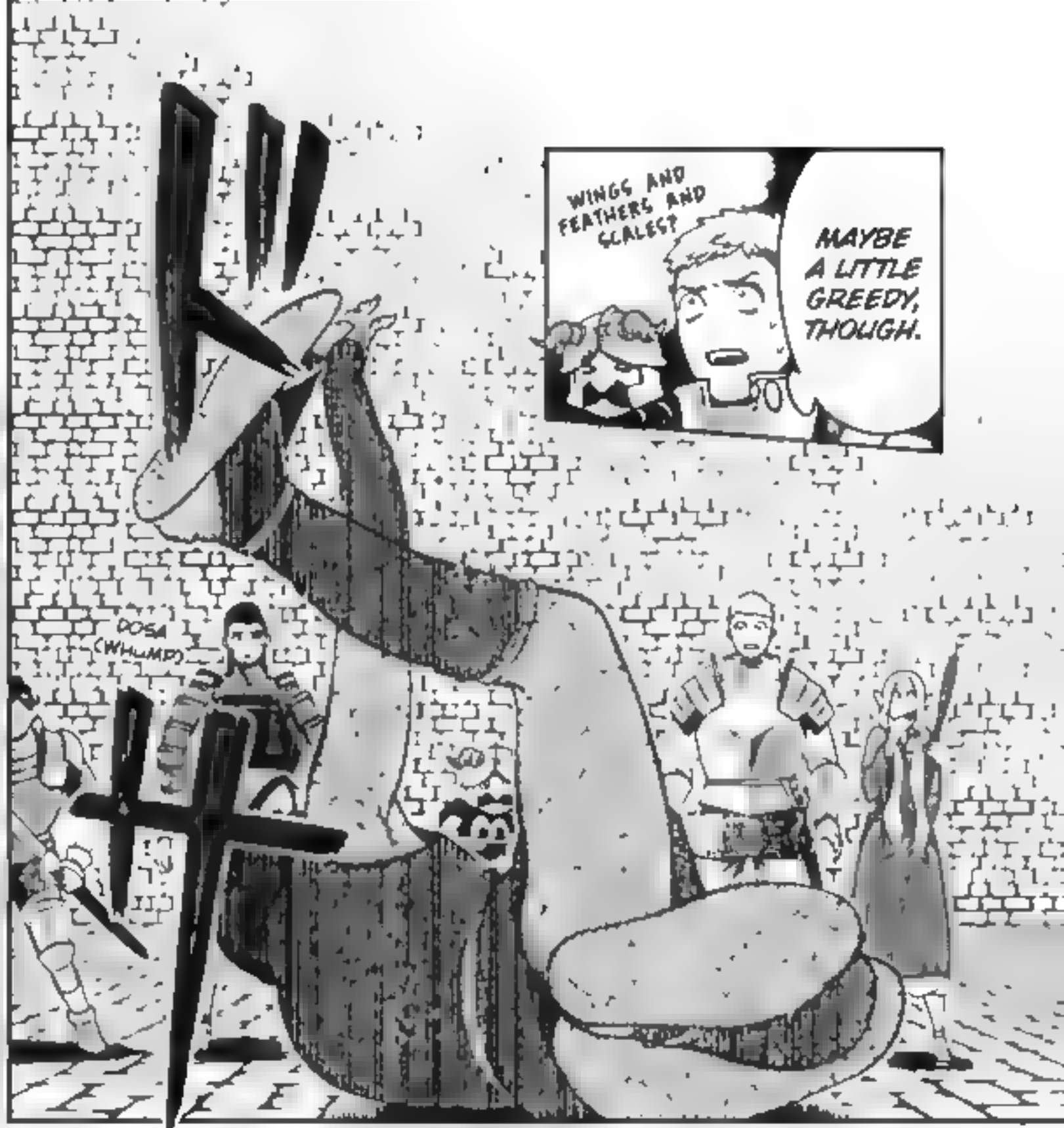


HOLMI
RINI!

PREPARE
FOR
BATTLE!

AH!

R-
RIGHT.



WINGS AND
FEATHERS AND
SCALE?

MAYBE
A LITTLE
GREEDY,
THOUGH.

DOSA
(WHUMP)



GIVE AN
ORDER!

LAIOS,
SHURO,
WHAT
DO WE
DO?



MAR-
CILLE,
DON'T.

FALINI!
DO YOU
REC-
OGNIZE
ME?

FALINI



RGH.

D
W
E
E
E
E
E

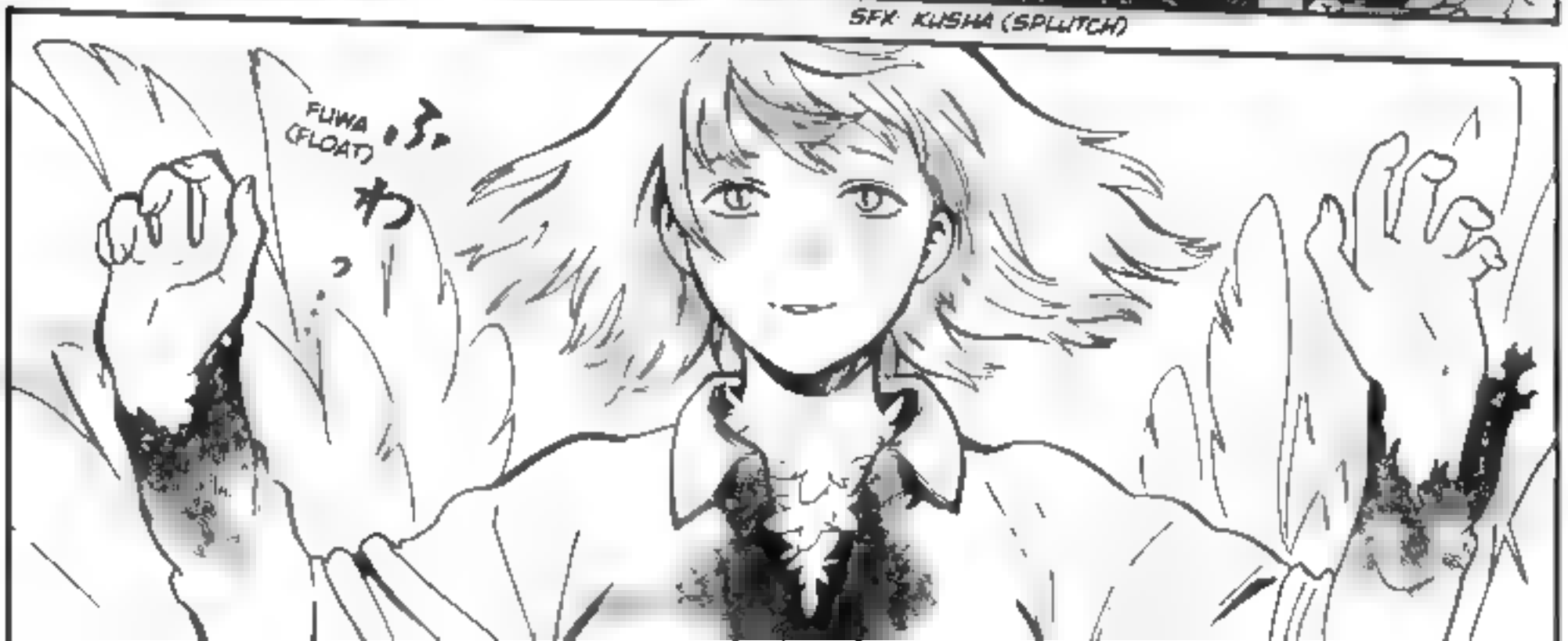
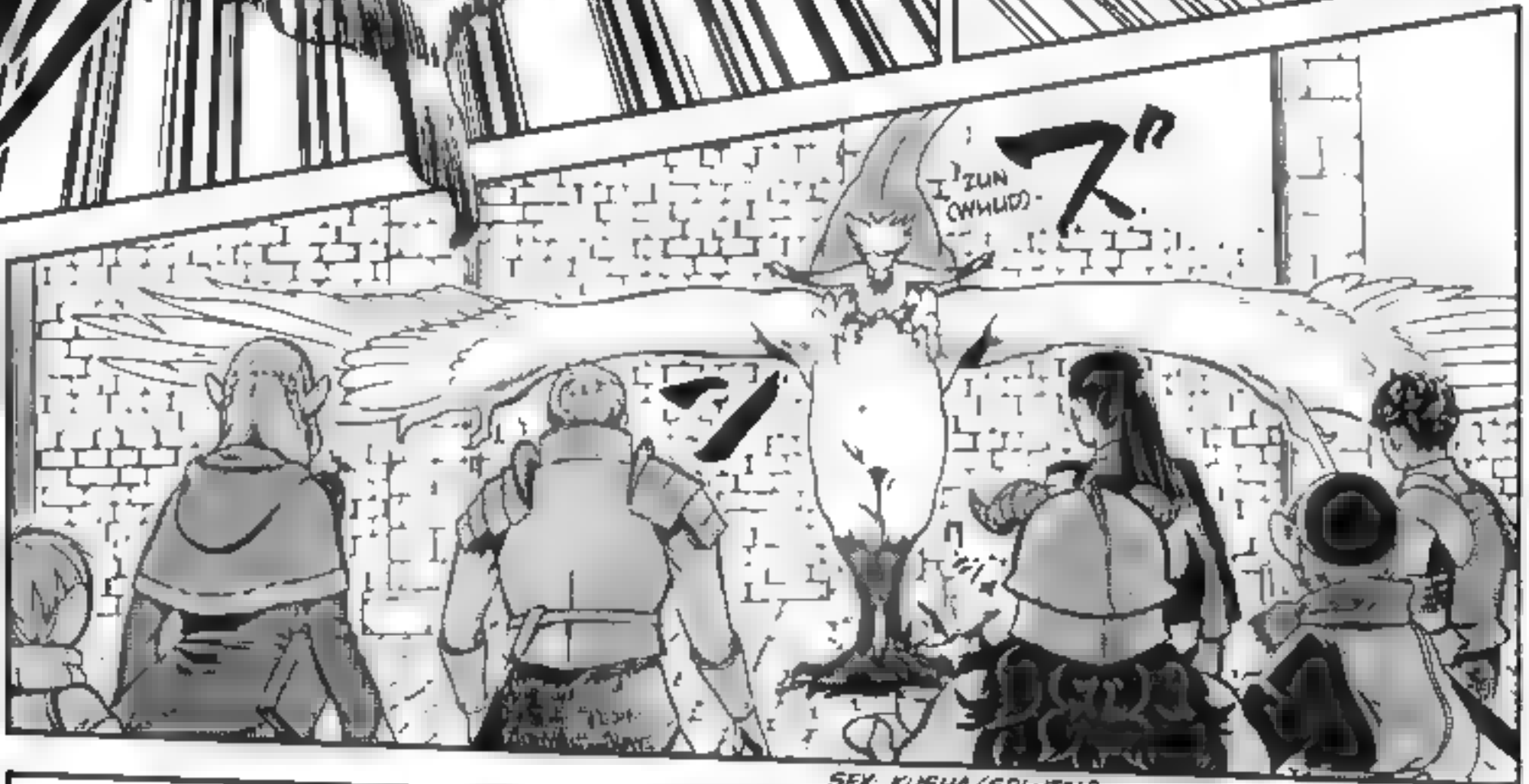


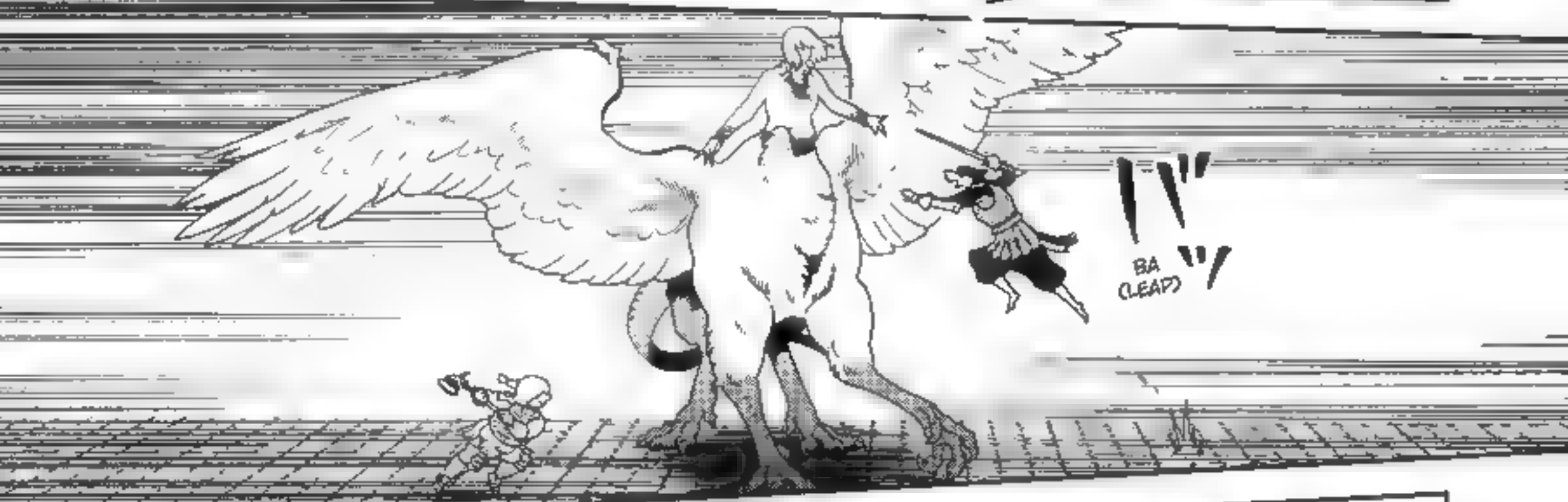
RESTRAIN
HER!

INUTADE!
DON'T
HURT
HER!

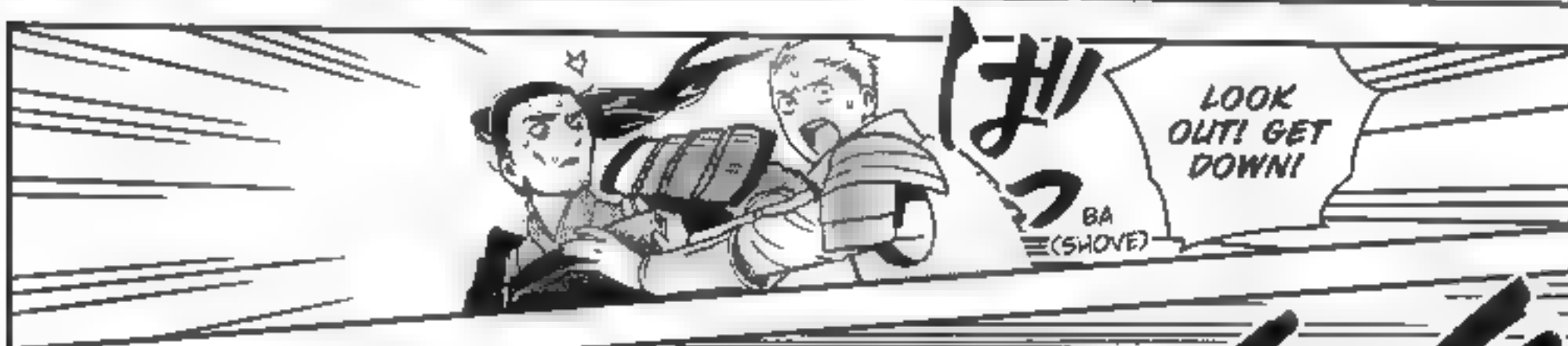


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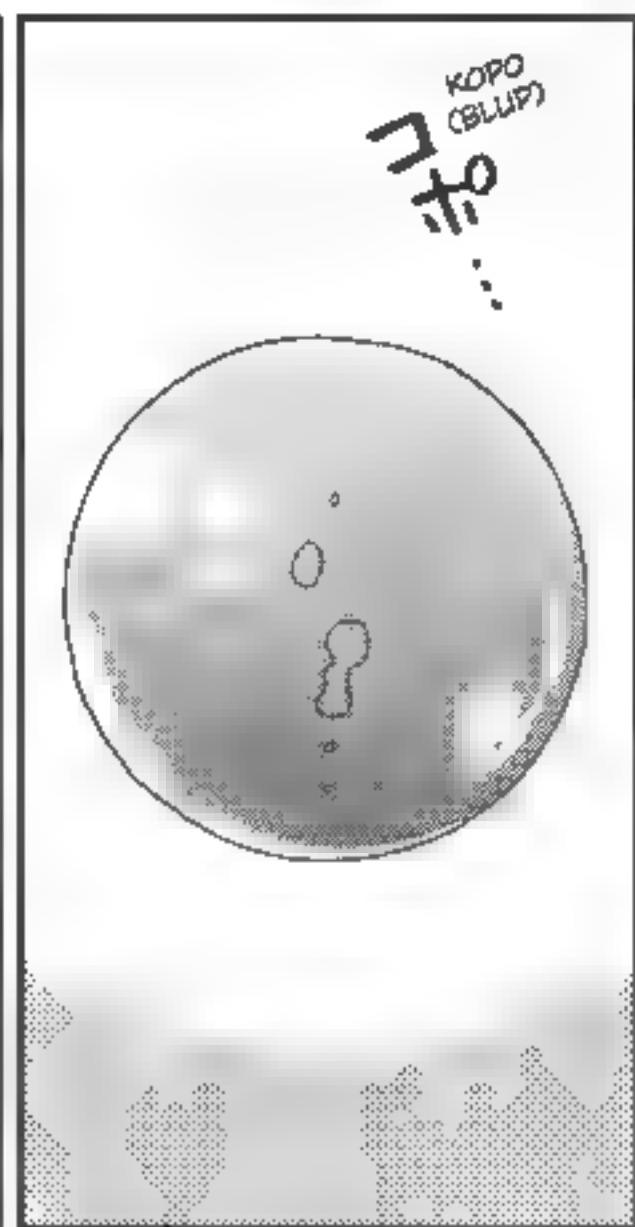
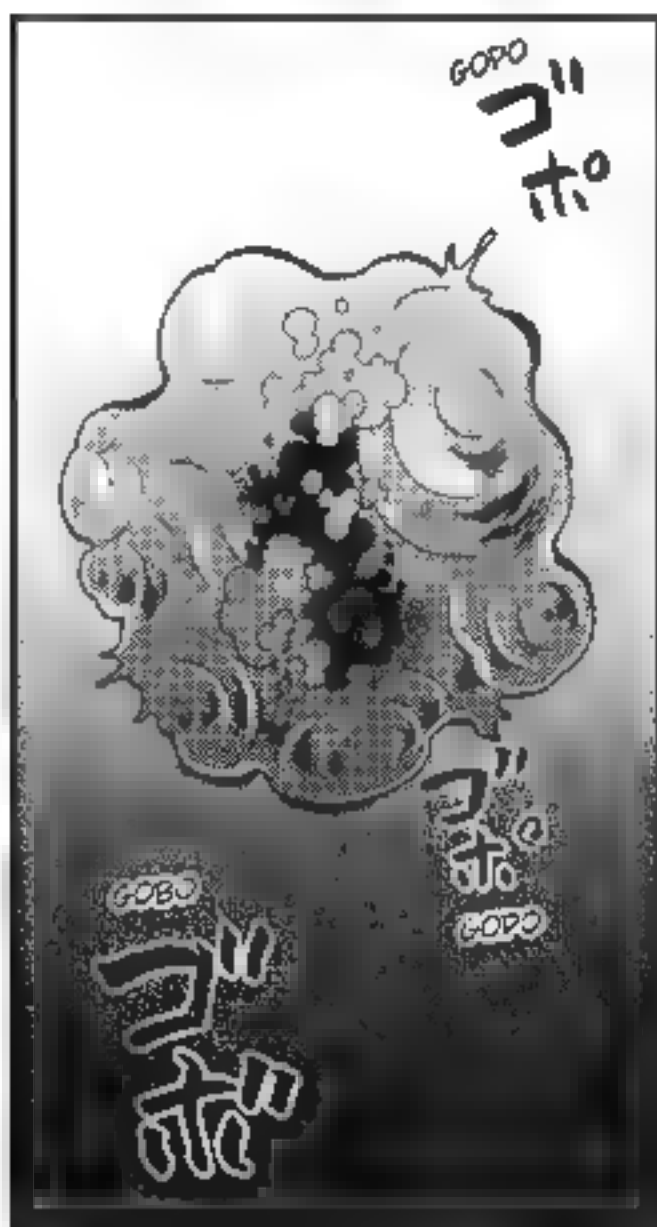
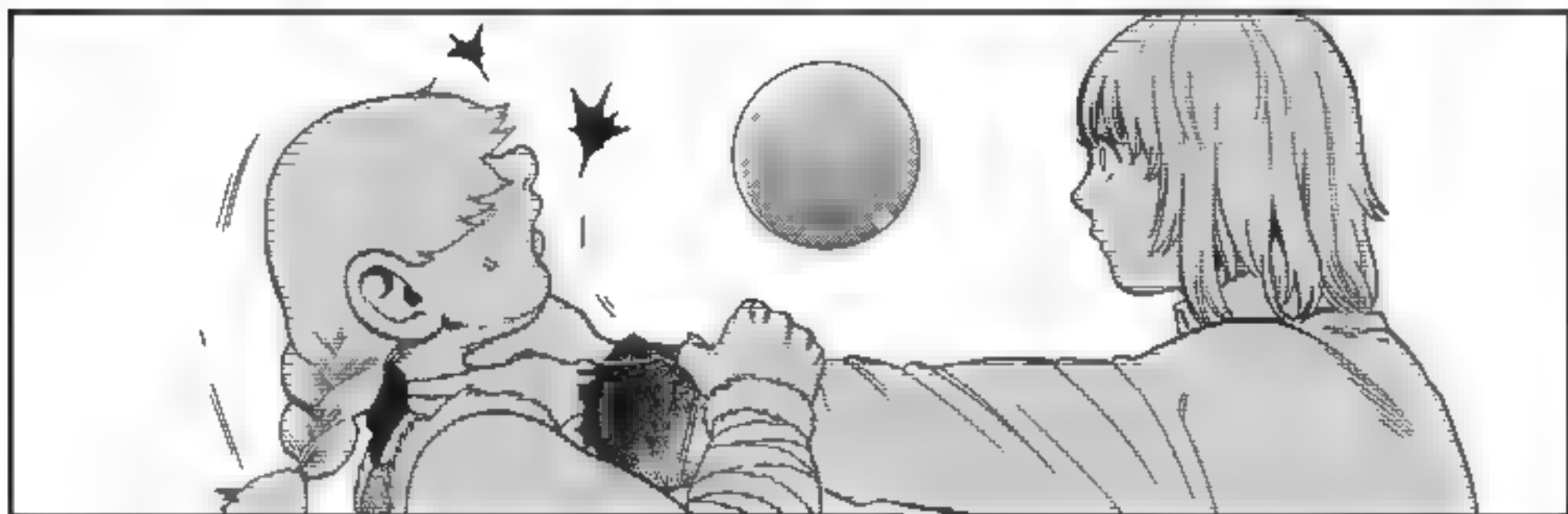


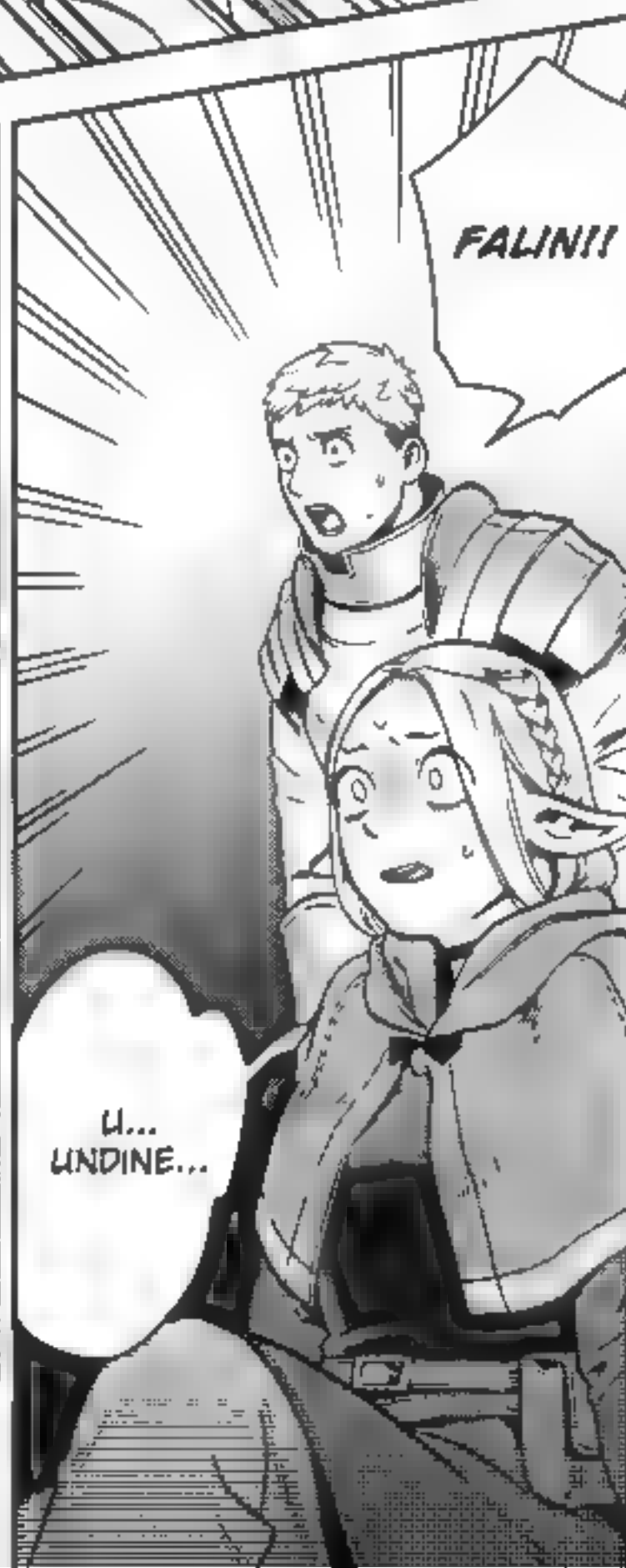
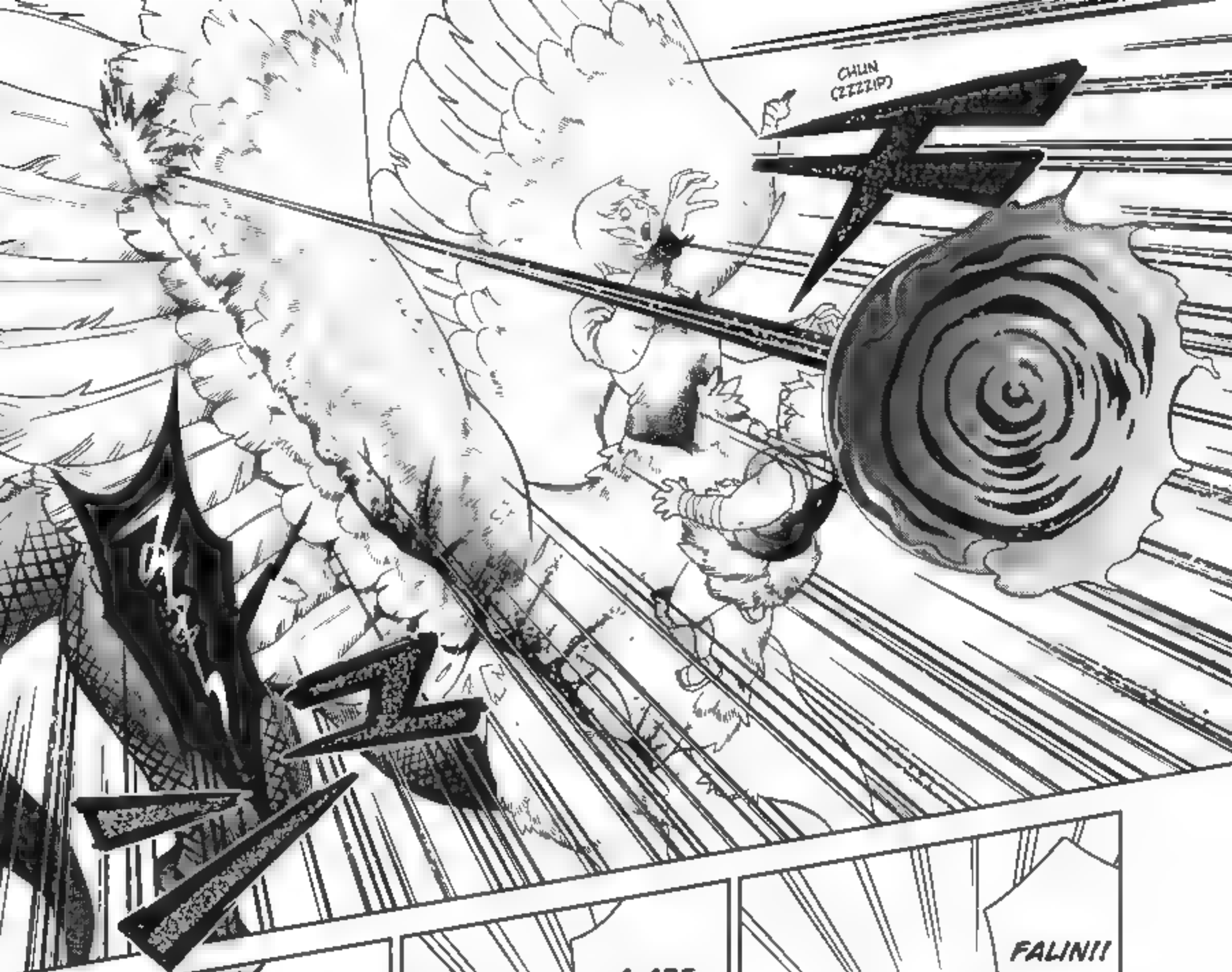




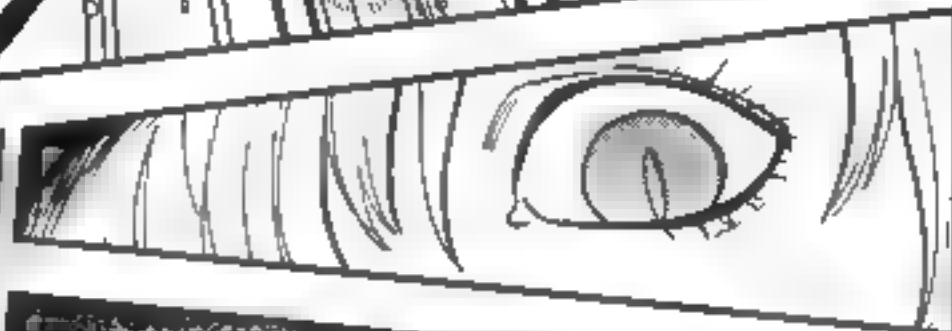


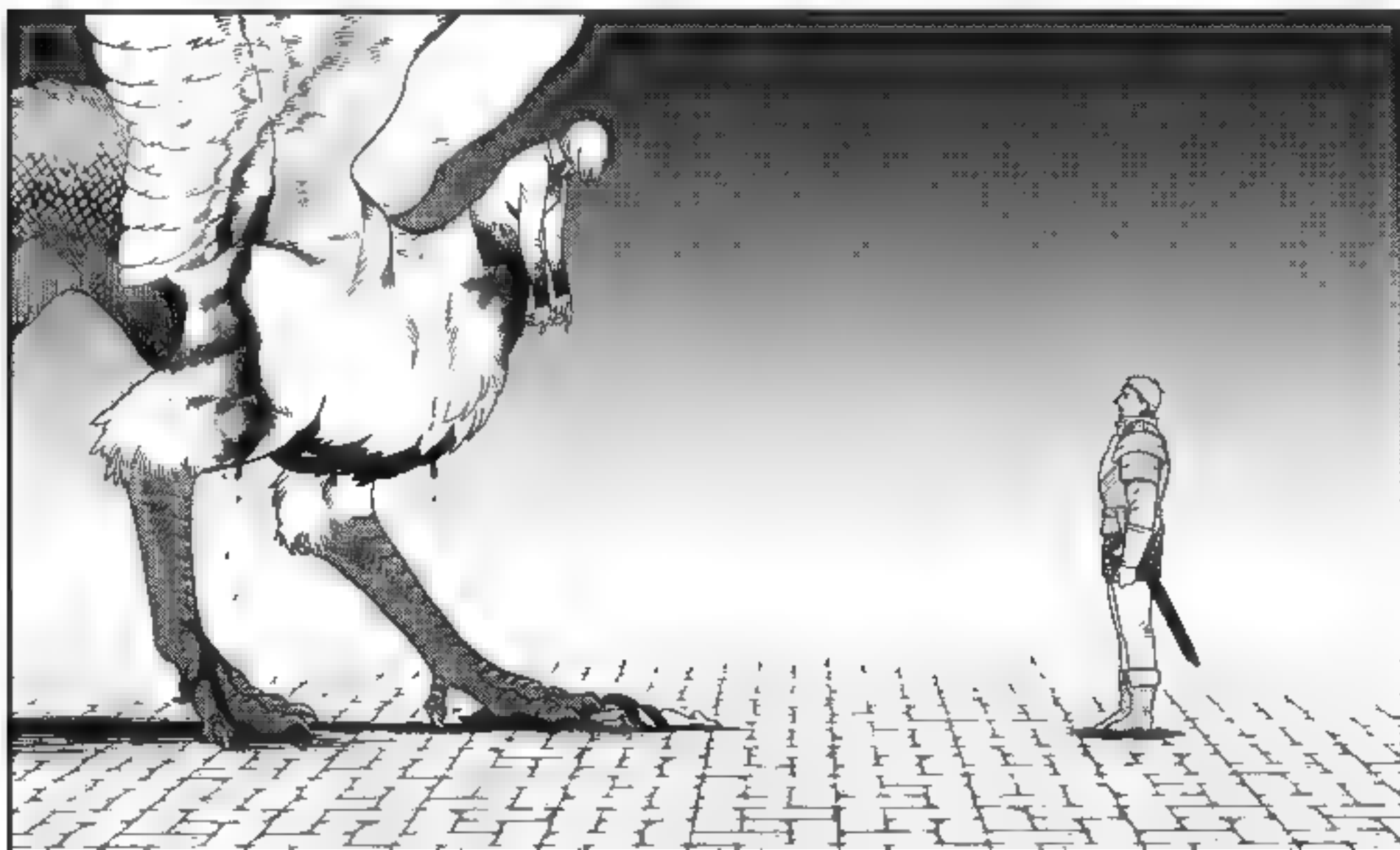
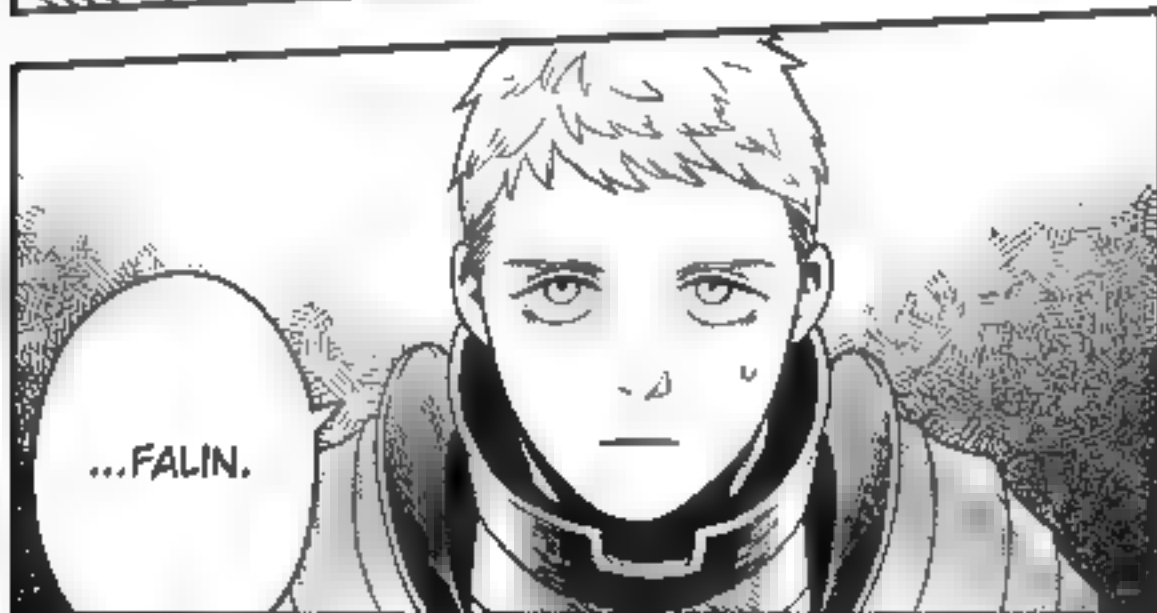
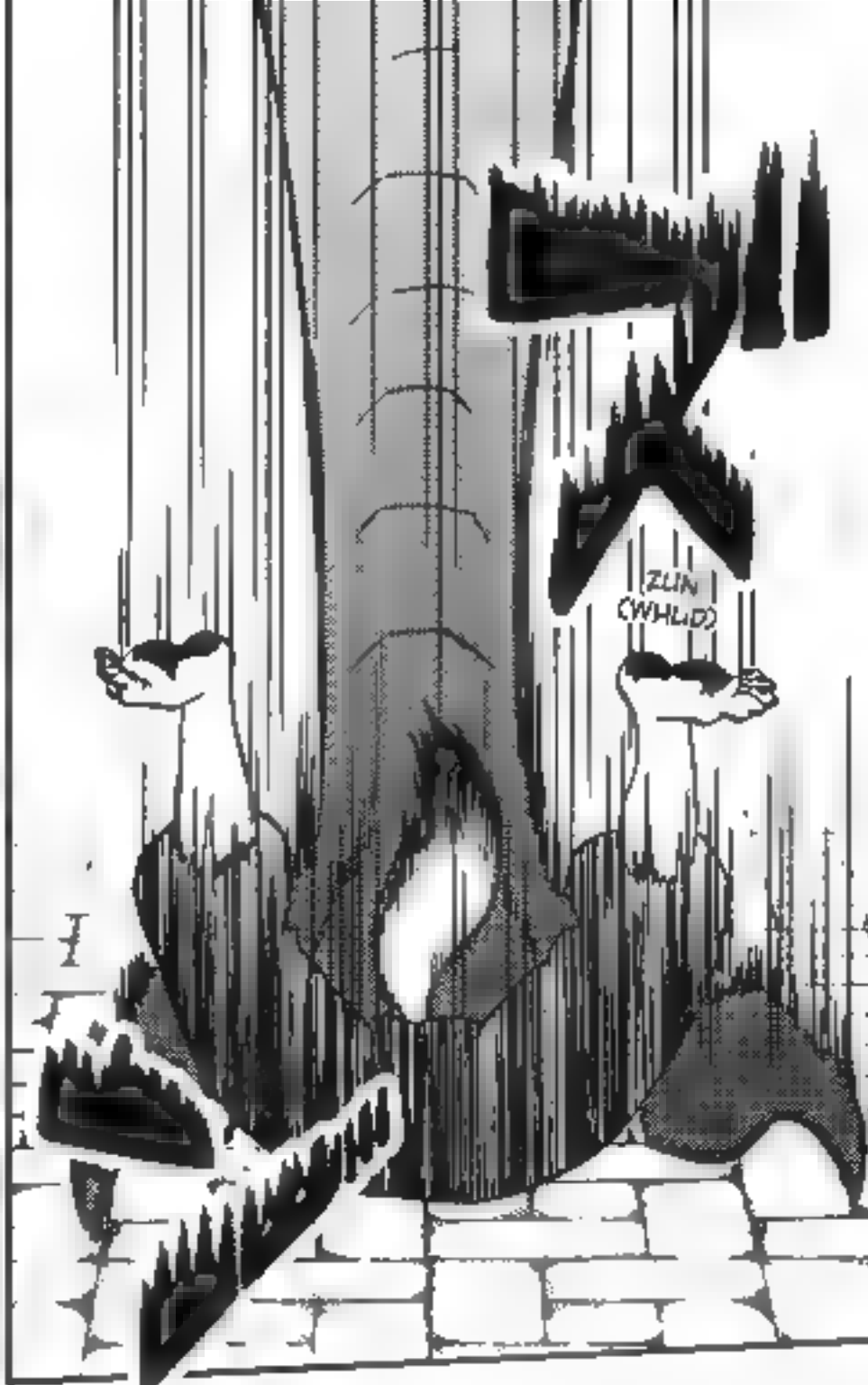














OUT
OF THE
WAY!!

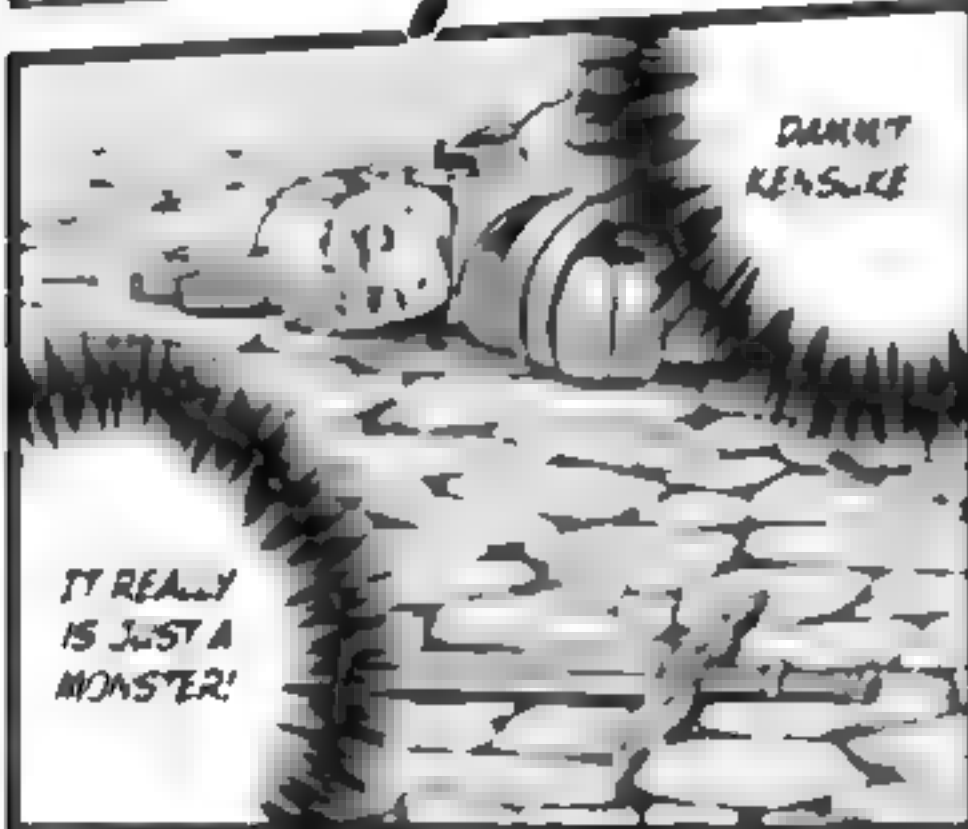
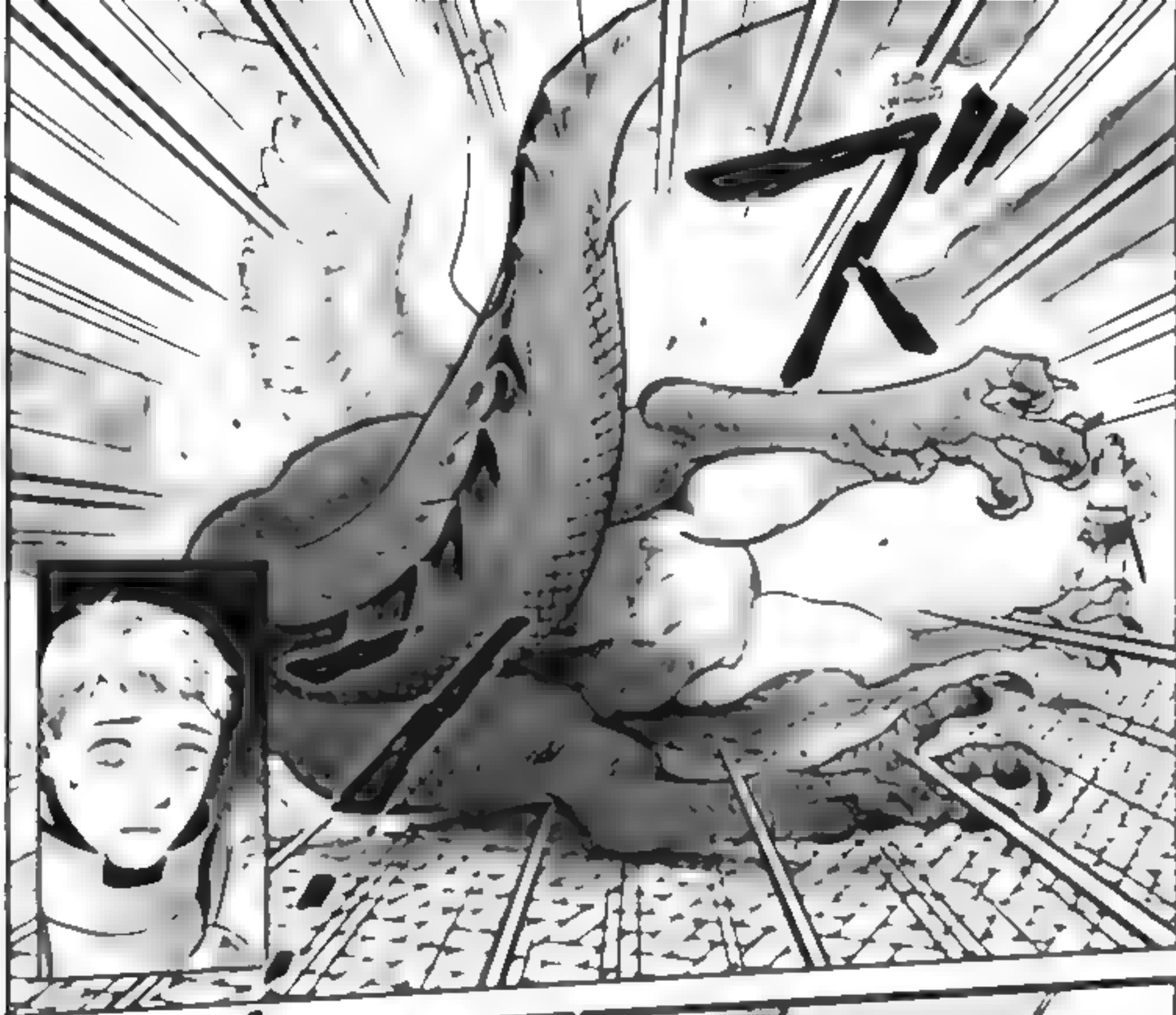
BA
(RAISE)

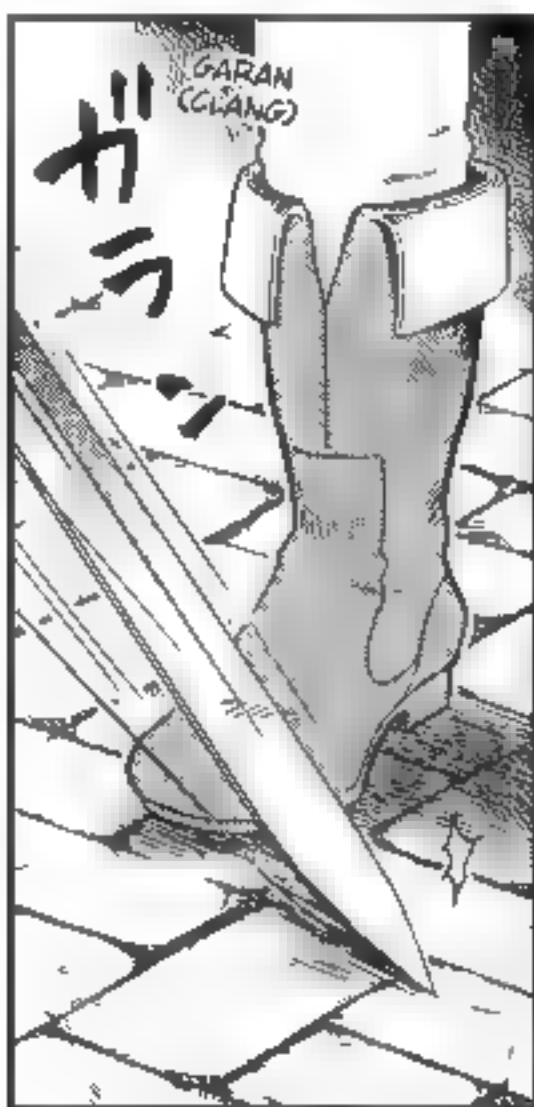
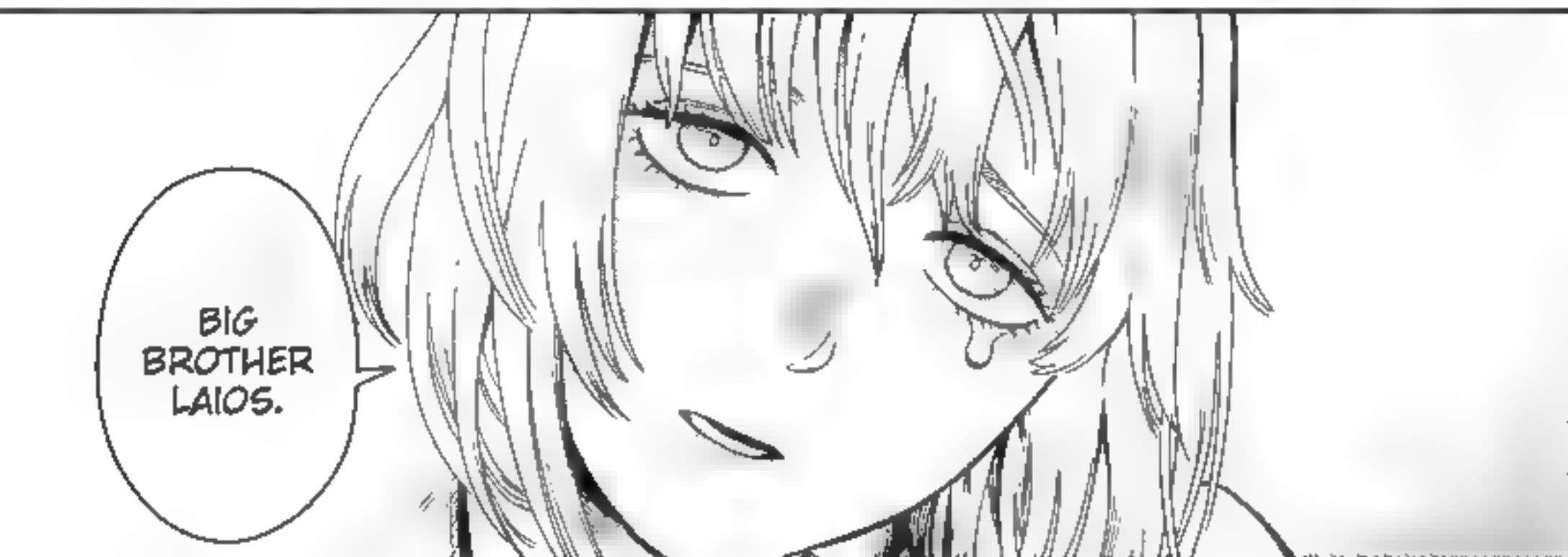
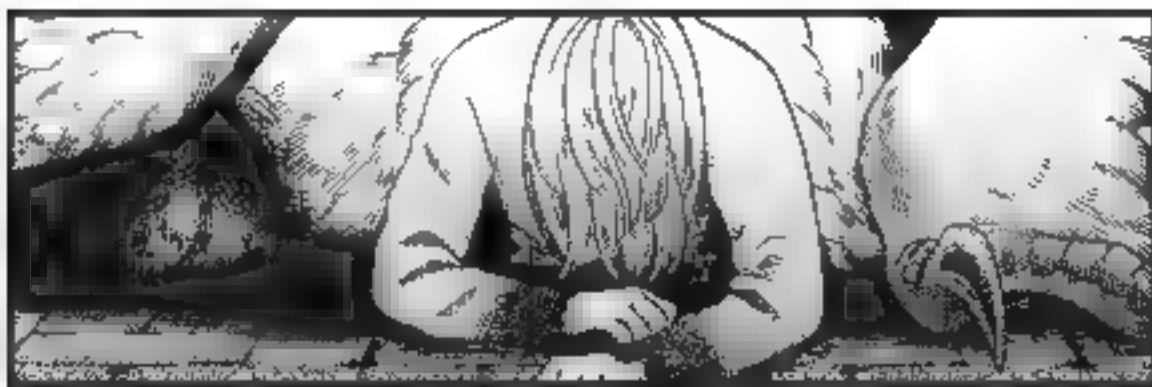
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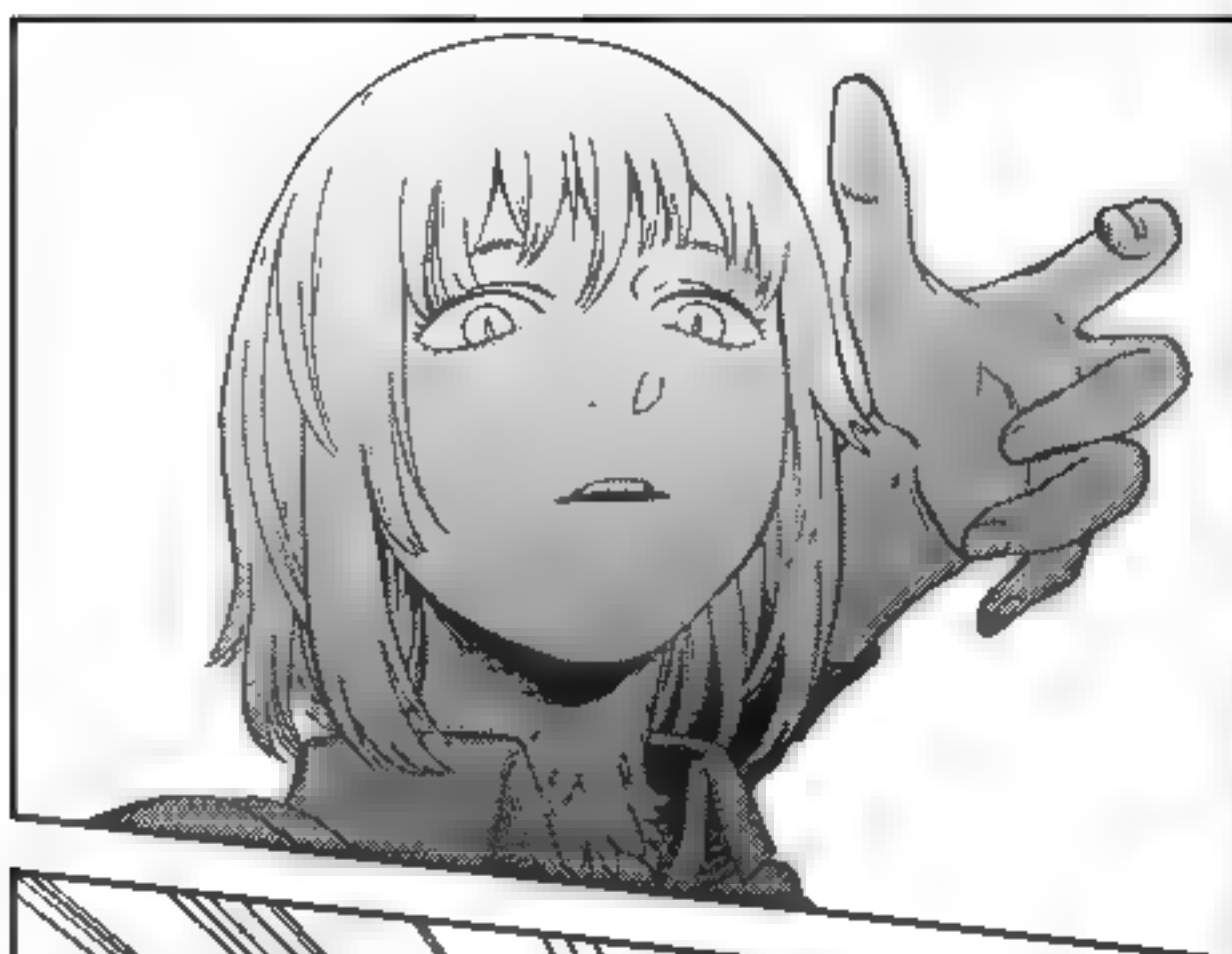


BACH
(CRACK)

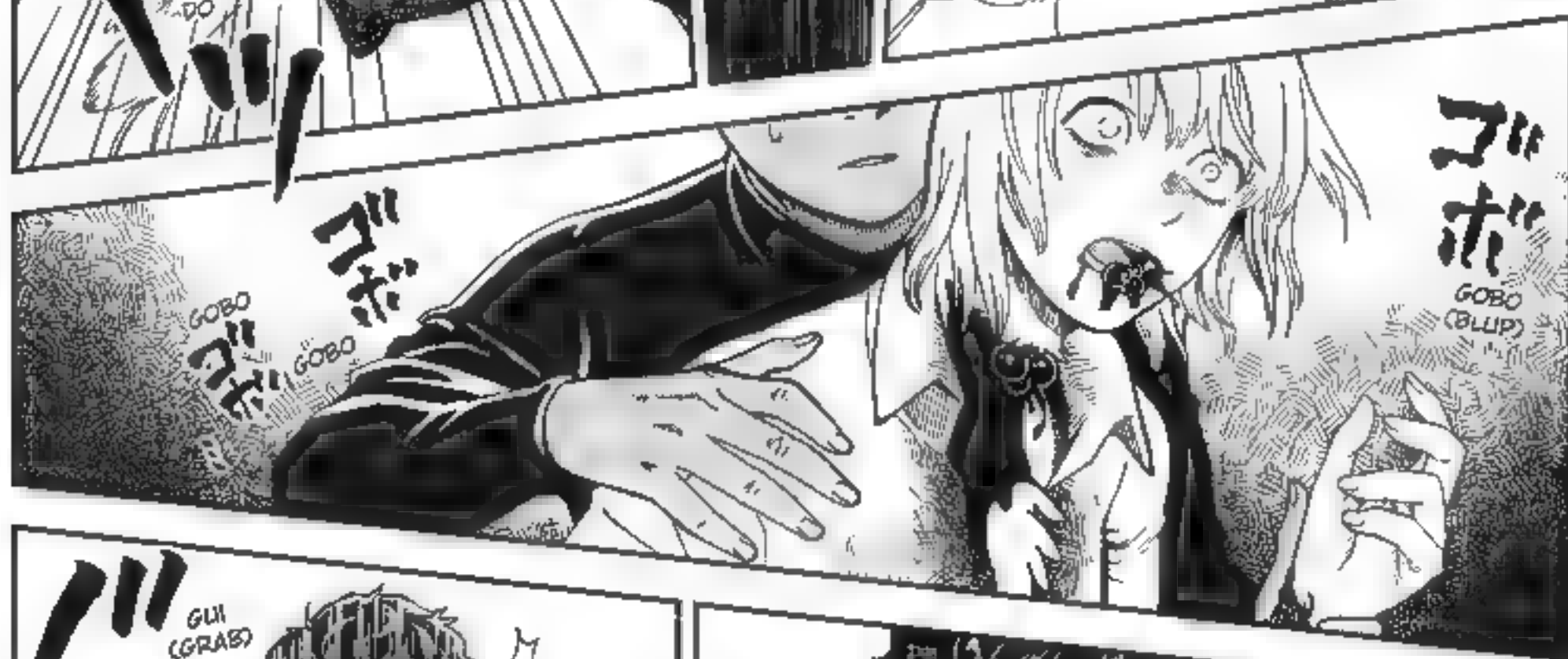
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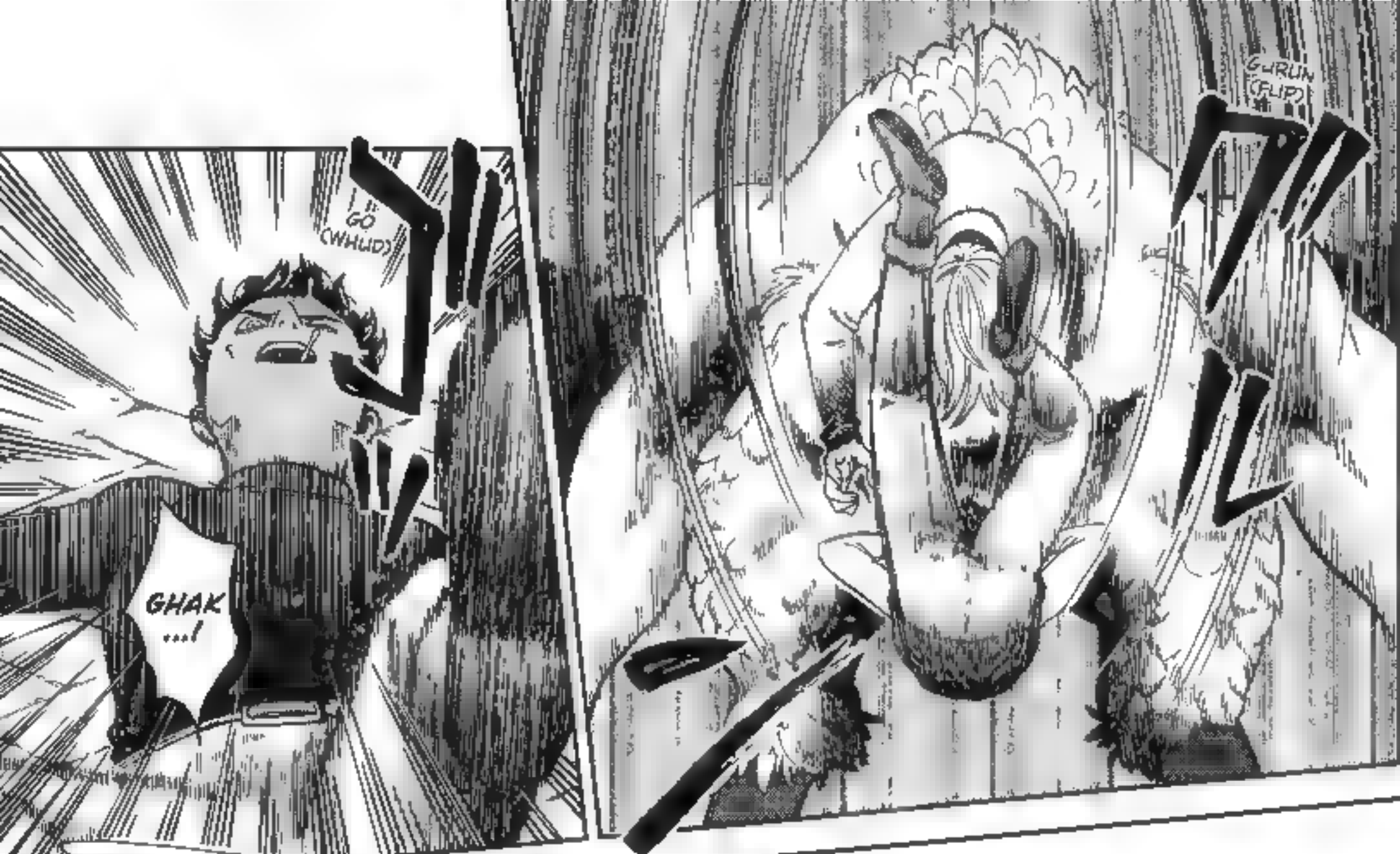
















FOR NOW,
WE NEED TO
GET AWAY
FROM
HERE.

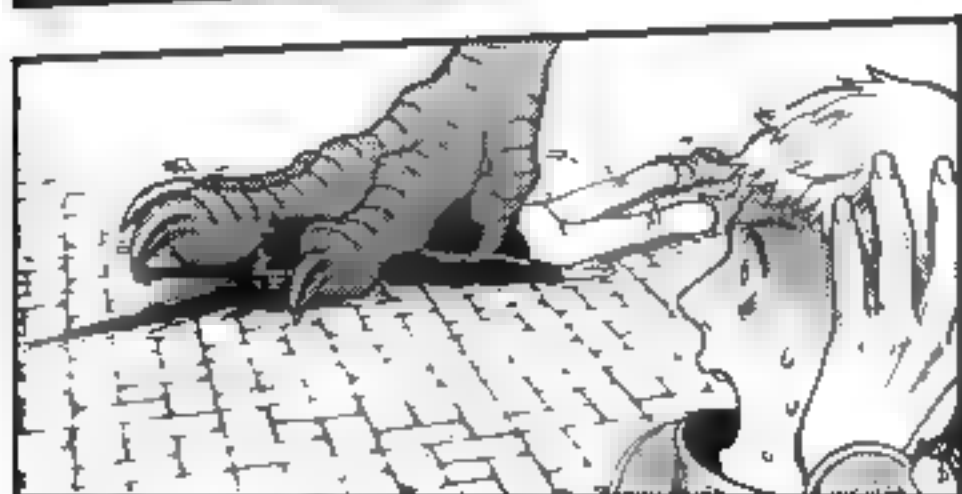


THAT—



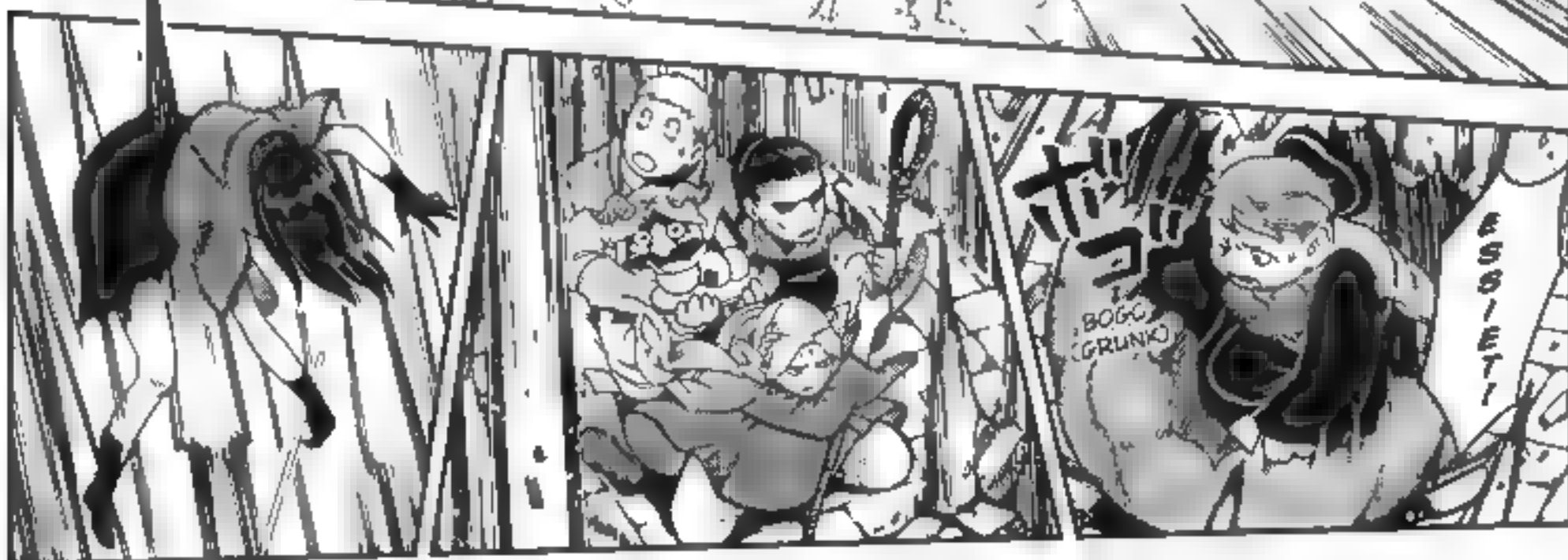
MY
SISTER'S
SOUL IS
PROBABLY
UNDER THE
CONTROL OF
THE LORD
OF THE
DUNGEON.

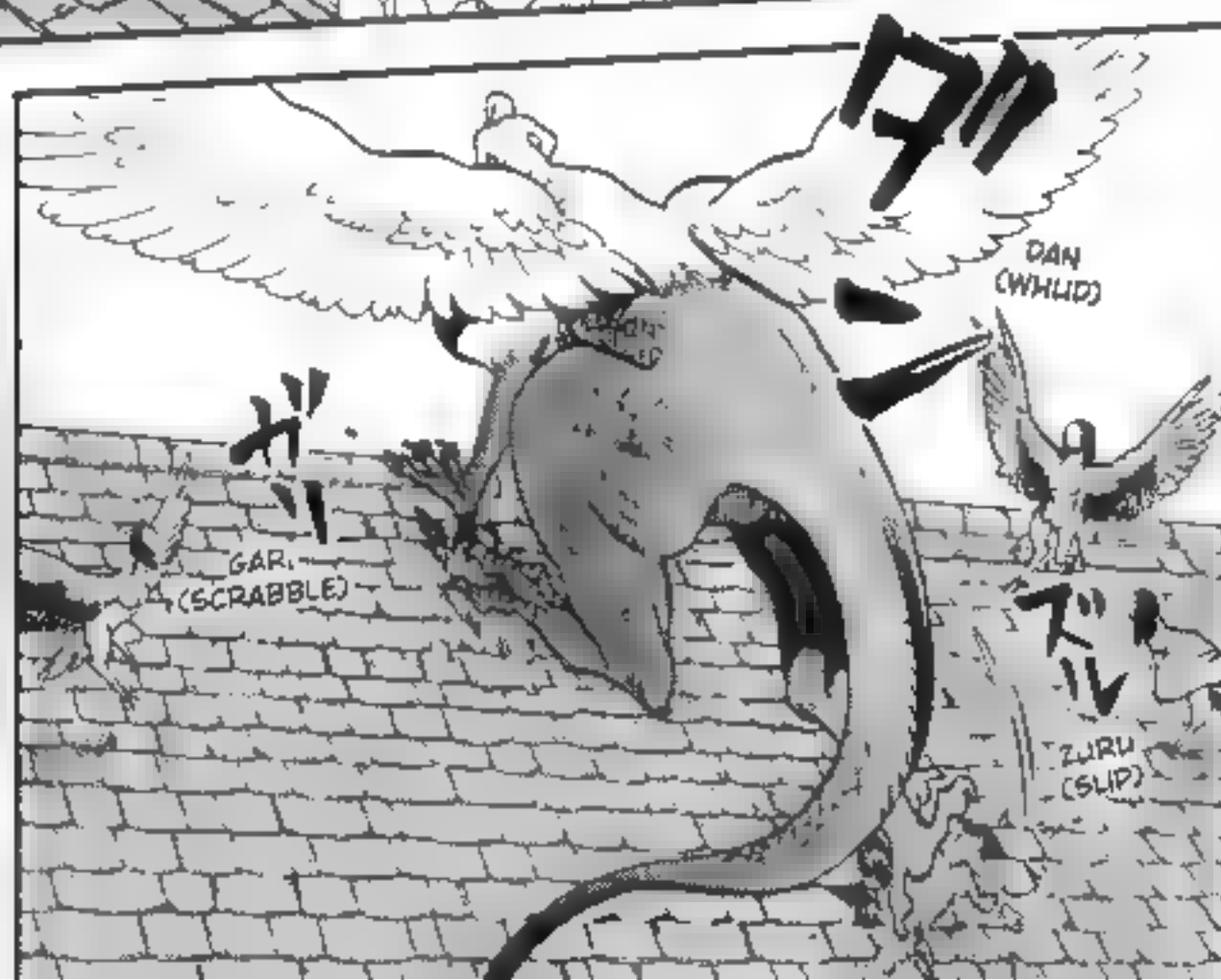
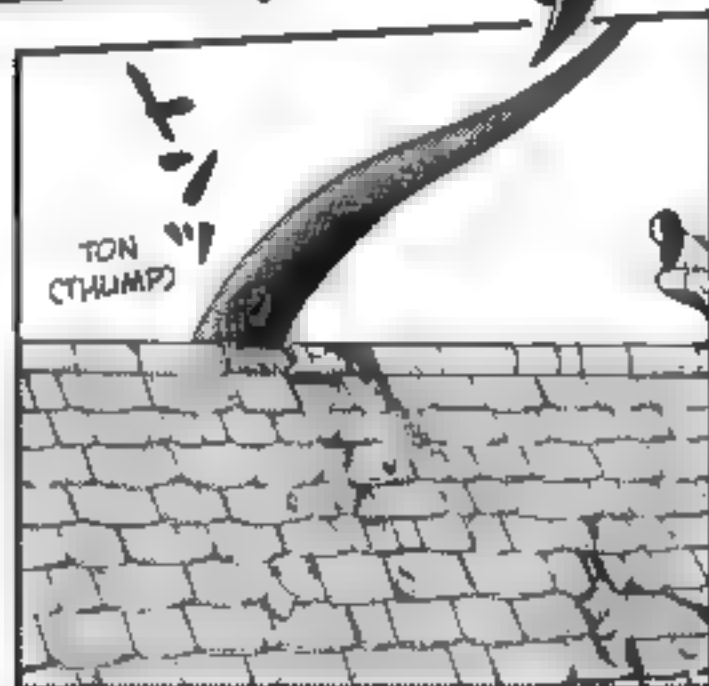
IF WE
KILL HER,
THOUGH,
THE LUNATIC
MAGICIAN
WILL APPEAR
AGAIN.





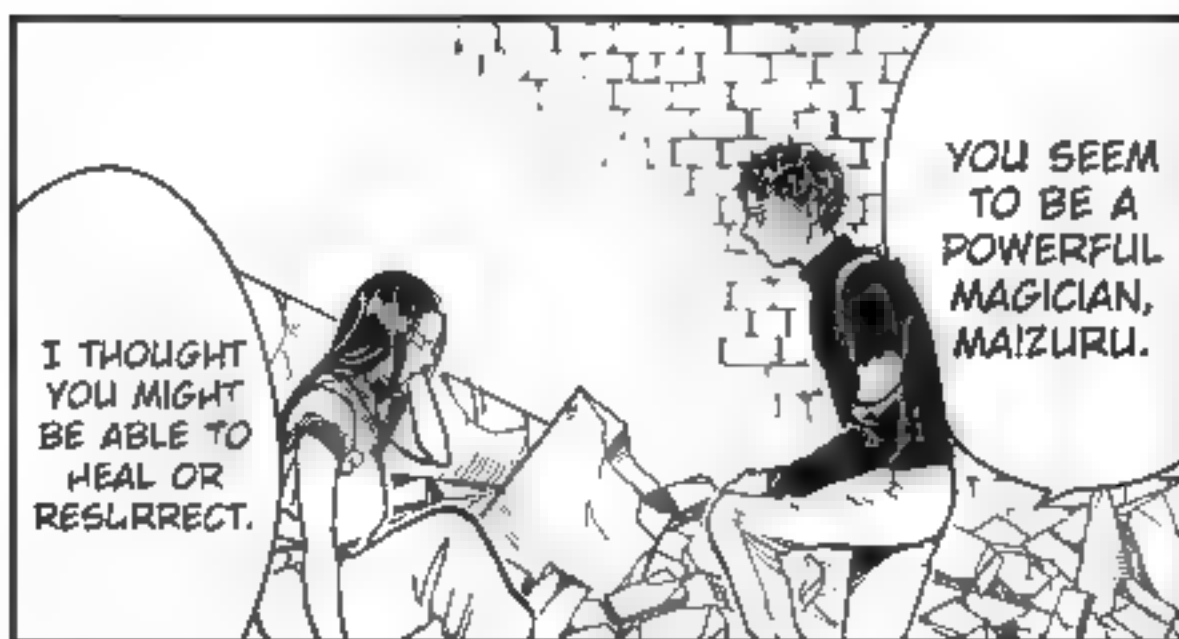












I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
HEAL OR
RESURRECT.

YOU SEEM
TO BE A
POWERFUL
MAGICIAN,
MAIZURU.



HER
MAKEUP
CAME
OFF

HE CAN'T
TREAT ALL
OF THEM,
YOU SEE.



...WHY
ME?



I IMAGINE
YOU'RE
AFTER A
DIFFERENT
SPELL.

SO NOW I
OWE YOU,
HM?



YOU TOOK
CARE OF
US ON THE
WAY HERE,
SO THIS
MUST BE
NOTHING.



GU
(JERK)

DON'T.



IF IT'S
A SIMPLE
RESUR-
RECTION, I
COULD...

UM...



WE HAVE TO
REVIVE THEM
BEFORE THE
GROUND
SOAKS UP
THE BLOOD.

WELL,
NEVER
MIND. LET'S
FINISH THIS
QUICKLY.



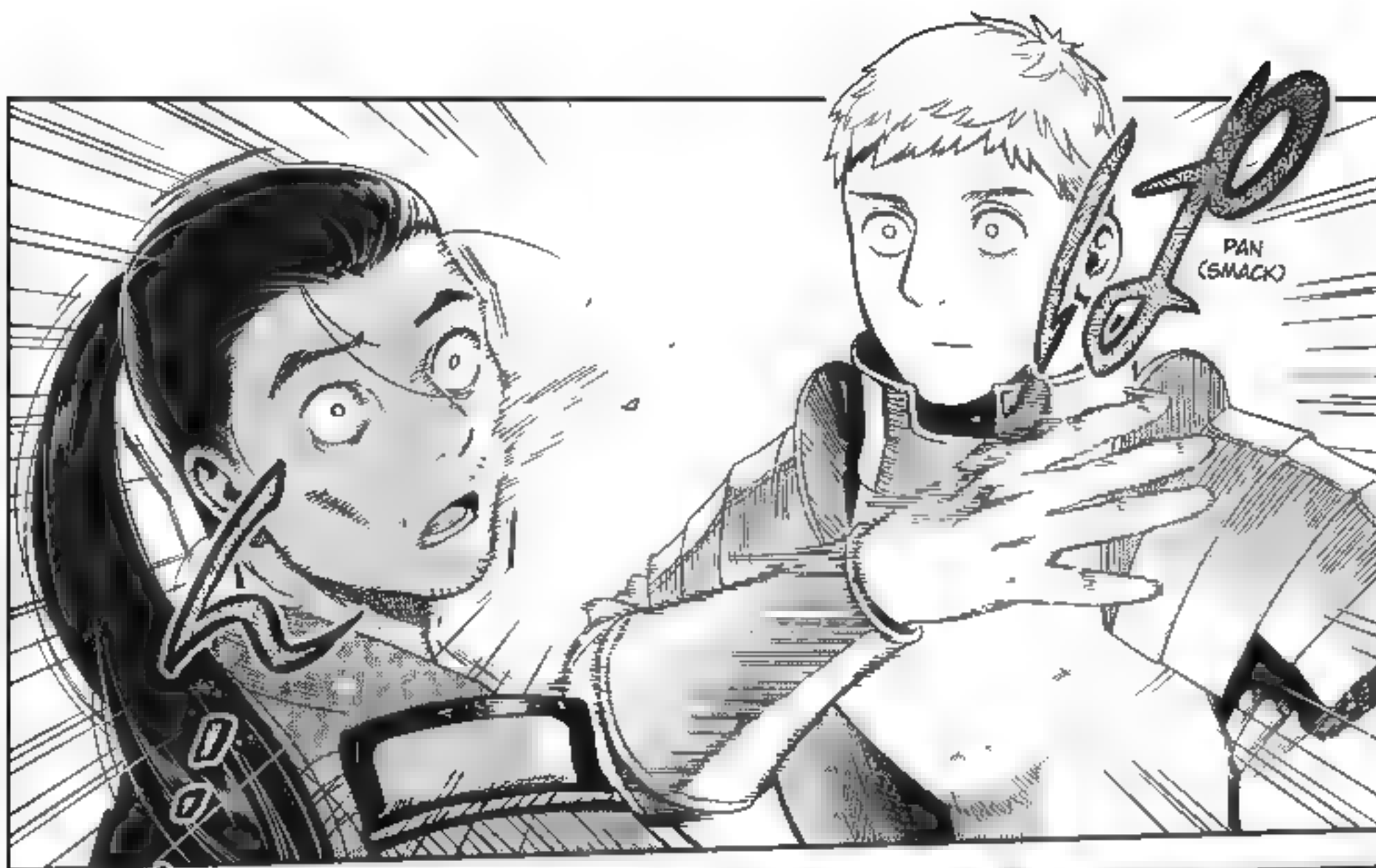






SFX: GU (SQUEEZE)









**WE, WHO
ATE THREE
PROPER
MEALS A DAY
AND GOT OUR
SLEEP...**

**...HAVE
BEEN
MUCH MORE
SERIOUS
ABOUT THIS
THAN YOU
ARE!!**




**WE ARE
ABSOLUTELY
GOING TO
SAVE FALINI!**

**LISTEN
UP!**

**WE ARE
GOING TO
DEFEAT THE
LUNATIC
MAGICIAN!
I SWEAR
IT!**



**HUH?
WHAT?**




**BOSO
/ BOSO
CHATTER**

**WHAT
ABOUT
ME IS
STRONG**



**THEN
EAT,
BATHE,
AND
SLEEP!**



**SHURO,
YOU GO
BACK
TO THE
SURFACE.**



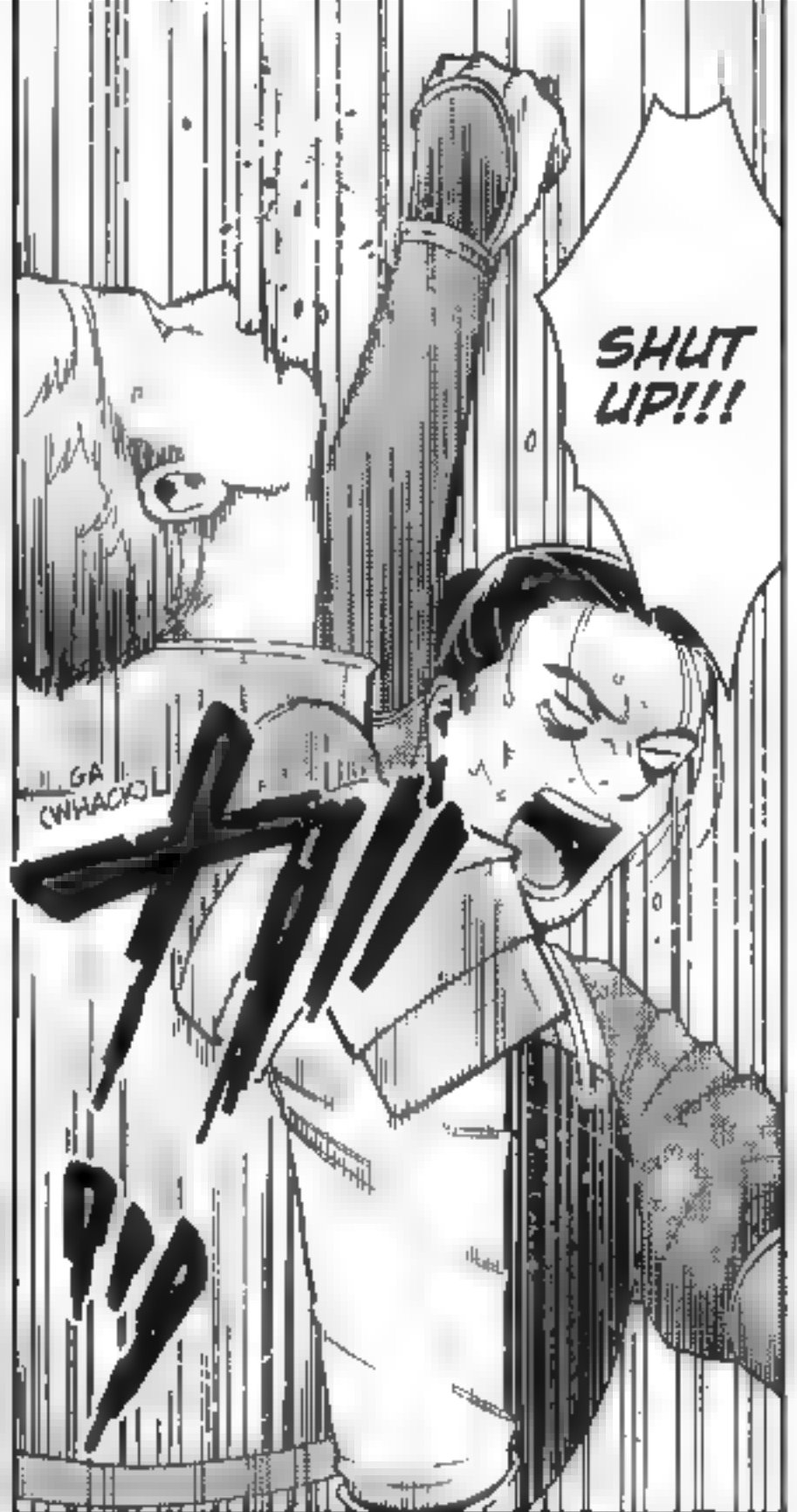
DOSHA
(FWUMP)

THIS
FIGHT
ISN'T
OVER
YET!



IF
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
THINK...

...THEN
I'VE GOT
A FEW
THOUGHTS
OF MY
OWN.



SHUT
UP!!!

GA
(CWHACK)



LISTEN
UP,
LAIOS.

I HAVE
NEVER...

...BEEN
ABLE TO
STAND
YOU.



BOGU
(WHLINK)

NGUHI



A
FEW...



ON TOP OF
THAT, YOU
NEVER MEAN
ANY HARM,
WHICH MAKES
IT EVEN
WORSE!

I
WOULDN'T

DON'T
IDIOT

I'LL
COME
TOO!!

YOU'RE
GOING
OUT FOR
DINNER!

SO
TIRED

TELL
ME MORE
ABOUT
OTHER
COUNTRIES!

HEY
C'MON!

YOU'RE
CARELESS
AND DENSE,
AND YOUR
TIMING IS
AWFUL.



WHY DID YOU KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT UNTIL NOW?!

ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO STAND ME!

ABOUT ME BEING DENSE AND HAVING BAD TIMING!!



*DON (SHOVE)

THEN SAY THAT SOONER!!



I COULD KILL YOU NOW AND TAKE MARCILLE WITHOUT A SEC—



I WAS ALL EXCITED BECAUSE I'D MADE A FRIEND ON THIS ISLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME.

AS IF I COULD !!



TOMORROW'S ALSO NOT HUMP THE DAY AFTER THAT ?

TODAY WON'T WORK

MOST PEOPLE WOULD HAVE FIGURED IT OUT FROM WHAT I DID SAY!

TRY A LITTLE HARDER TO PICK UP ON THINGS!



SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!

WHY DO YOU EVEN HAVE A MOUTH?!

YOU HAVEN'T TRIED HALF AS HARD AS MARCILLE.



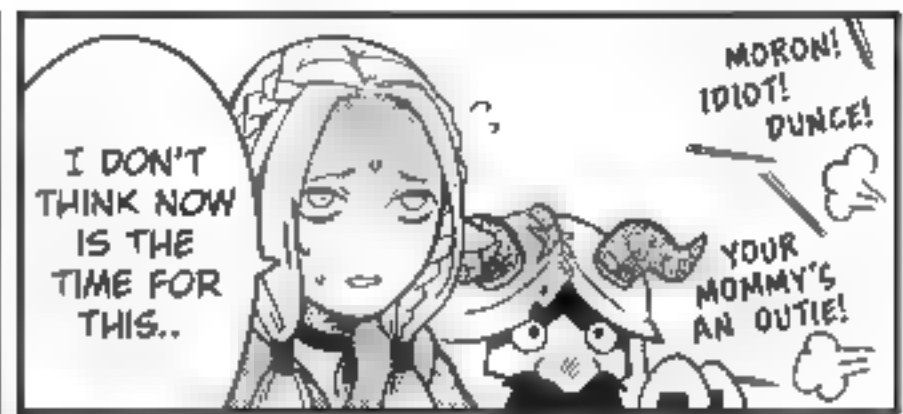
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?!

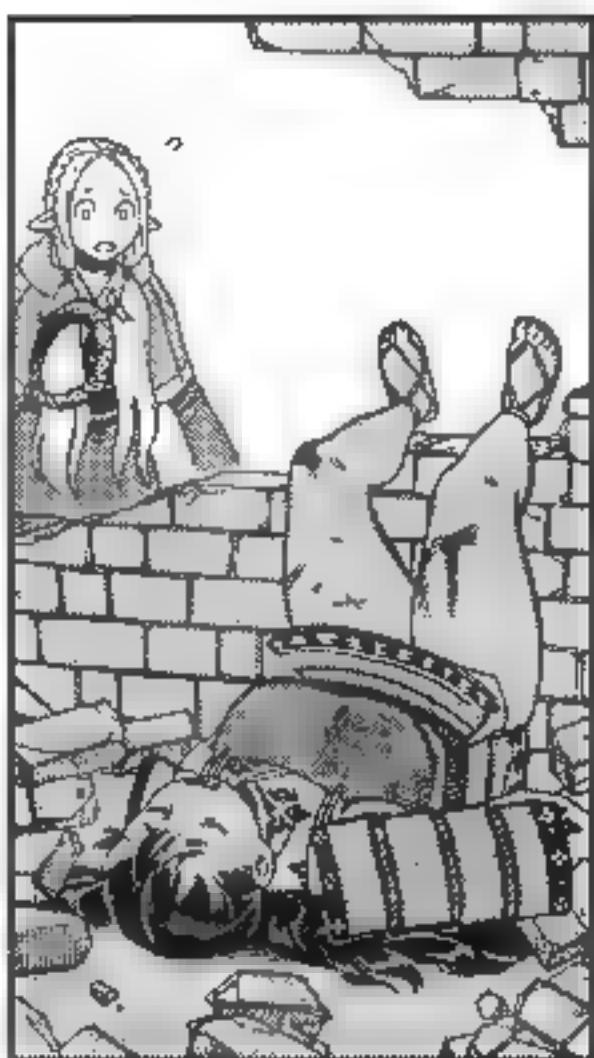
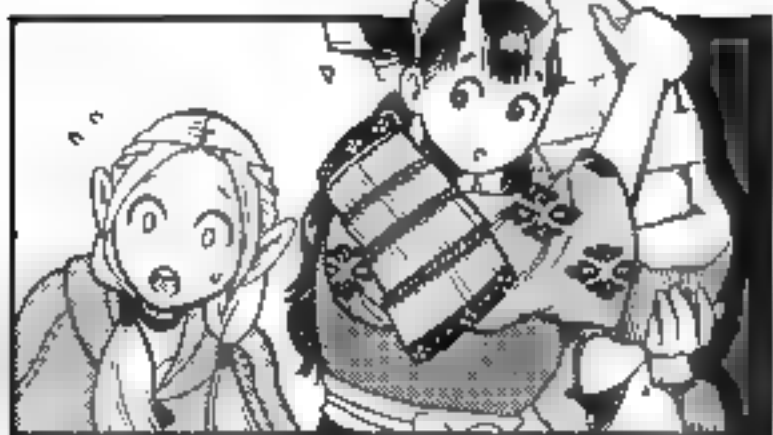
YOU DON'T TALK, YOU DON'T EAT...



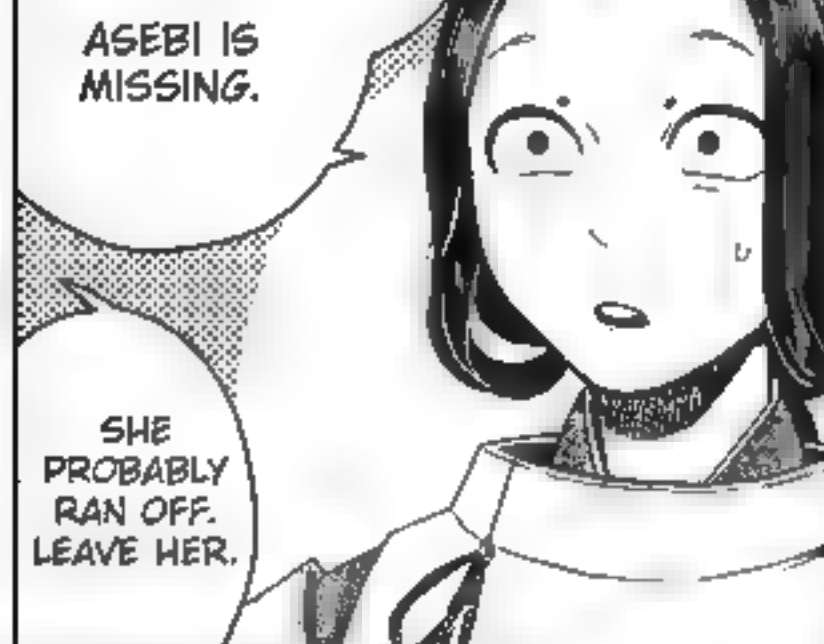
I HATE THAT ABOUT YOU TOO.

YOU LOOK HONEST, THEN SHOVE BURDENS ONTO OTHER PEOPLE.











I SEE.

I'M GOING TO REPORT THIS INCIDENT TO THE ISLAND'S LORD.



...I'LL RETURN TO MY COUNTRY.

I EXPECT I'LL NEVER RETURN TO THIS ISLAND.



I DON'T KNOW.

SHE ASKED ME TO LET HER THINK ABOUT IT.

I WAS WAITING FOR HER ANSWER.



YOU PROPOSED. WHAT DID SHE SAY?



I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO TAKE FALIN BACK WITH ME.



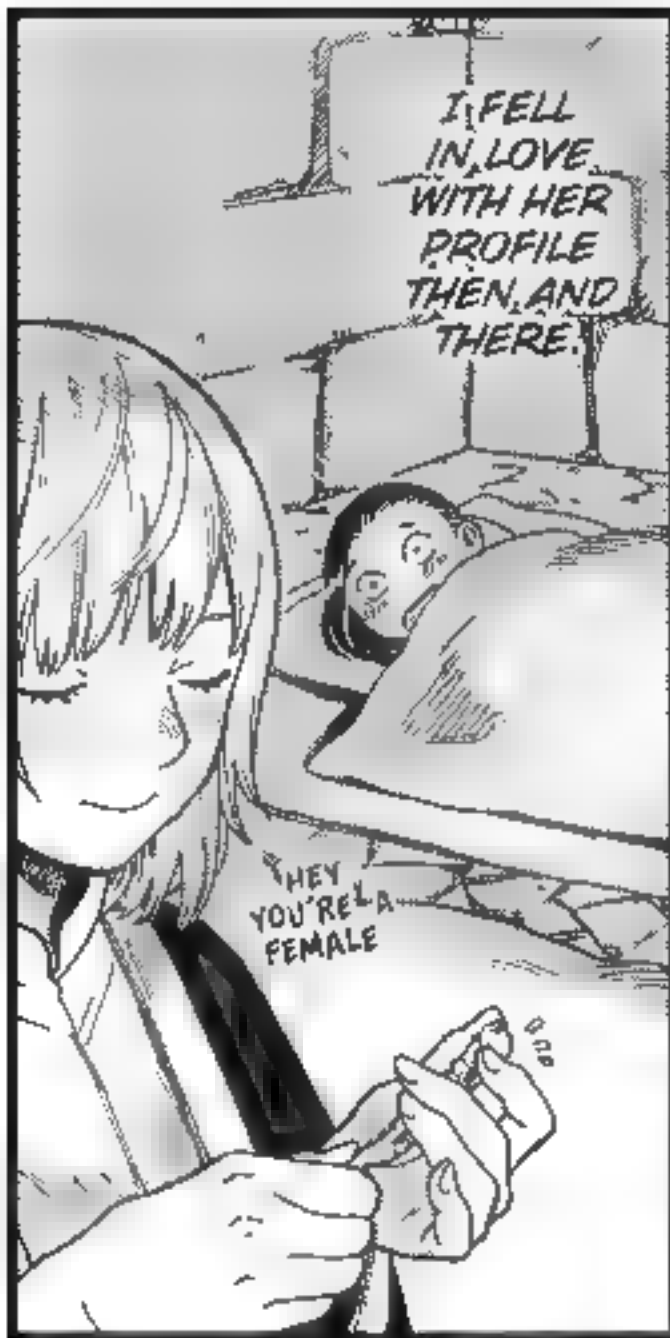
I WONDERED WHAT IT WAS, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE A STRANGELY COLORED CATERPILLAR.

AN ORDINARY WOMAN WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SCOWLED OR SHRIEKED.



ONE DAY, WHILE WE WERE CAMPING, I HAPPENED TO WAKE.

SHE WAS KEEPING WATCH, AND SHE WAS GAZING AT SOMETHING ON HER FINGERTIP.



I FELL
IN LOVE
WITH HER
PROFILE
THEN AND
THERE.

HEY
YOU'RE A
FEMALE



HOWEVER,
SHE WAS
GAZING AT IT,
ENTRANCED,
AS IF IT WERE
A JEWEL.



I WISH
I'D TOLD
HER
SOONER.

I HADN'T
ACTUALLY
MENTIONED
ANY OF
THIS TO
HER YET.

THAT'S
THE SORT
OF WORLD
HE'S
FROM

HUH?
WE JUST
PROPOSED
IDUT OF
NOWHERE?

THAT'S
SCARY



I LOVED
HER
VOICE,
HER
IDEAS.

HER
SMILE.



THERE ARE
NO OTHER
WOMEN THAT
FASCINATING.



I ENVY
IT.



...I
SEE.



THAT
SIDE OF
YOU IS
JUST...

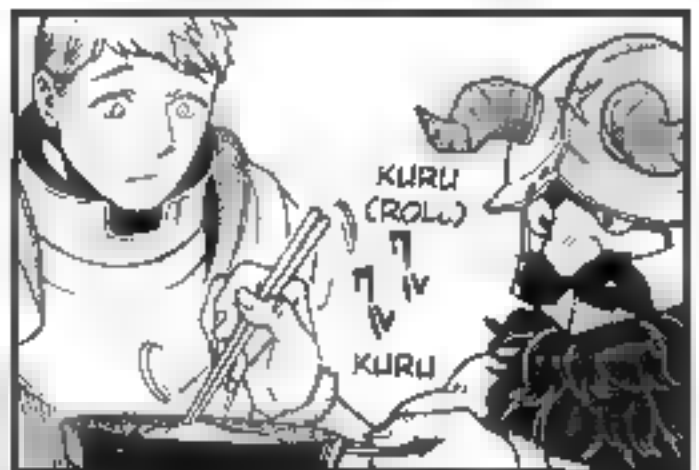
HAH...

THEN
I'LL TELL
FALIN
FOR
YOU.









ROLLED HARPY-EGG OMELET

Ingredients
 Harpy egg 1
 Oil A little
 Seasonings To taste

ENERGY

VITAMINS

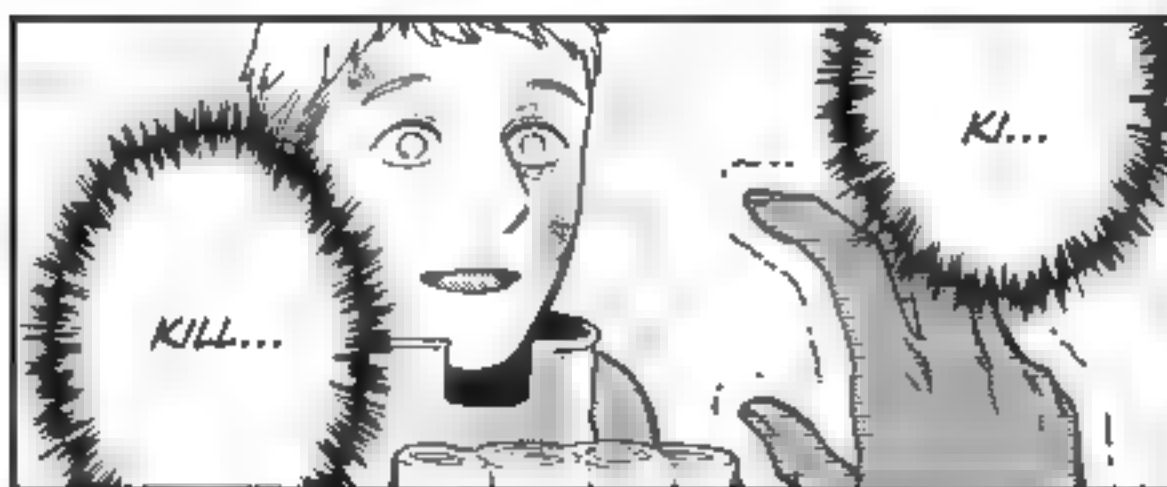
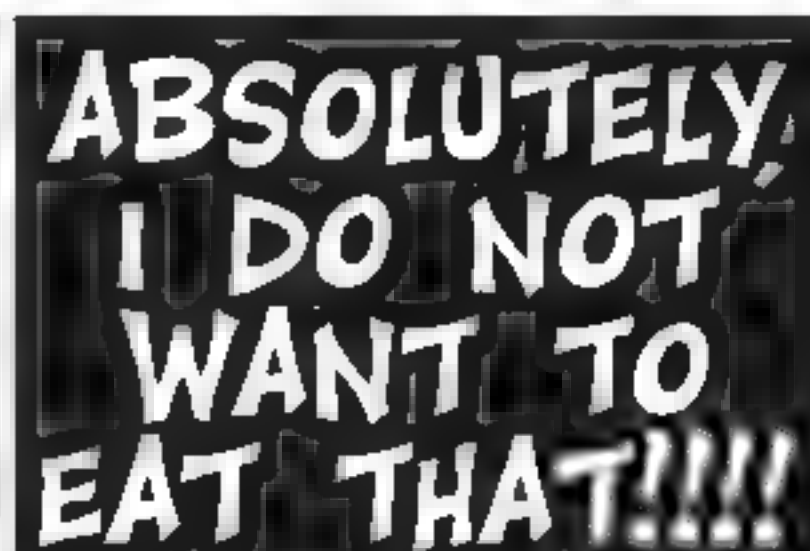
CALCIUM

PROTEIN

FAT

CARBS

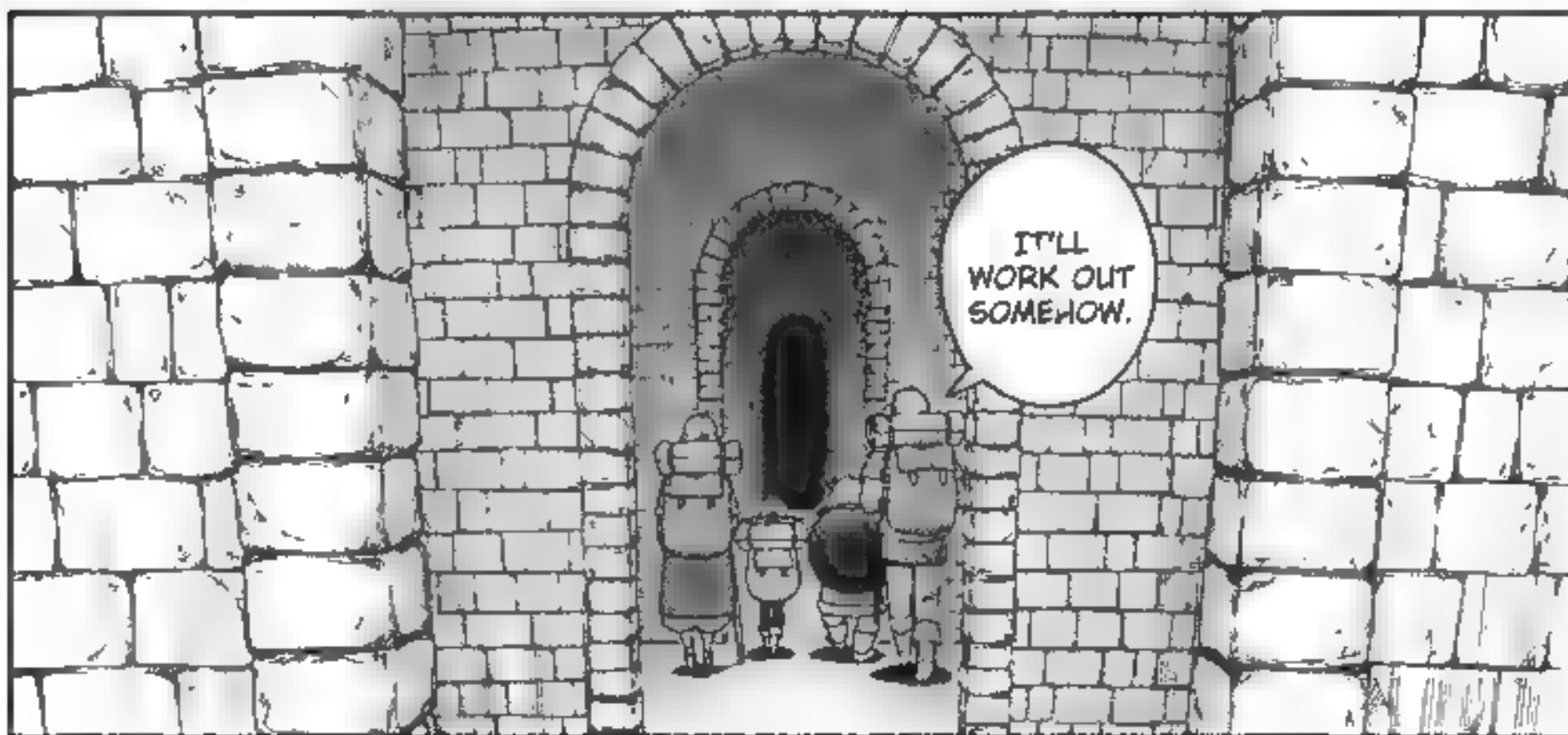
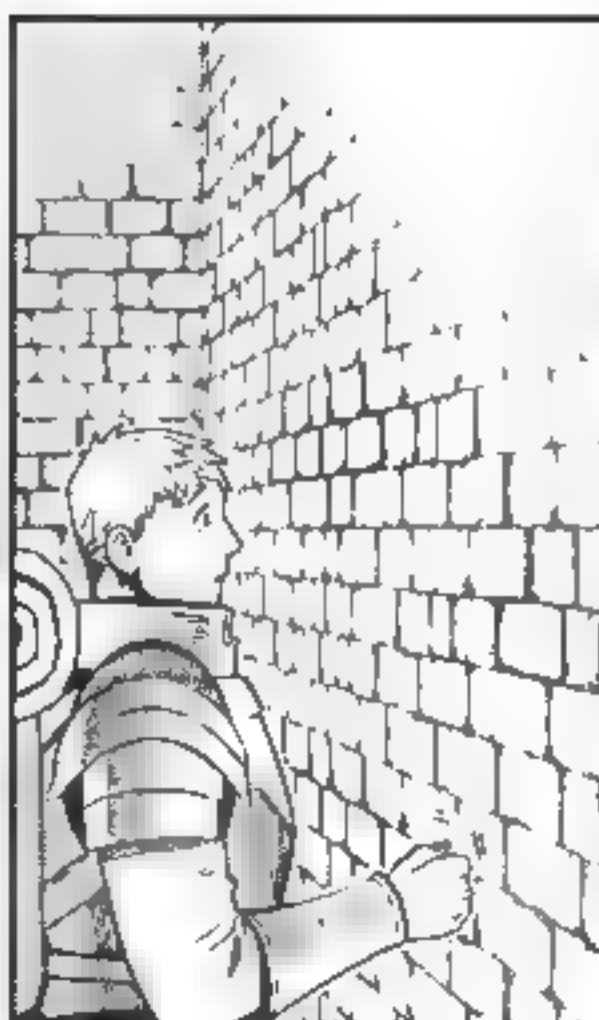






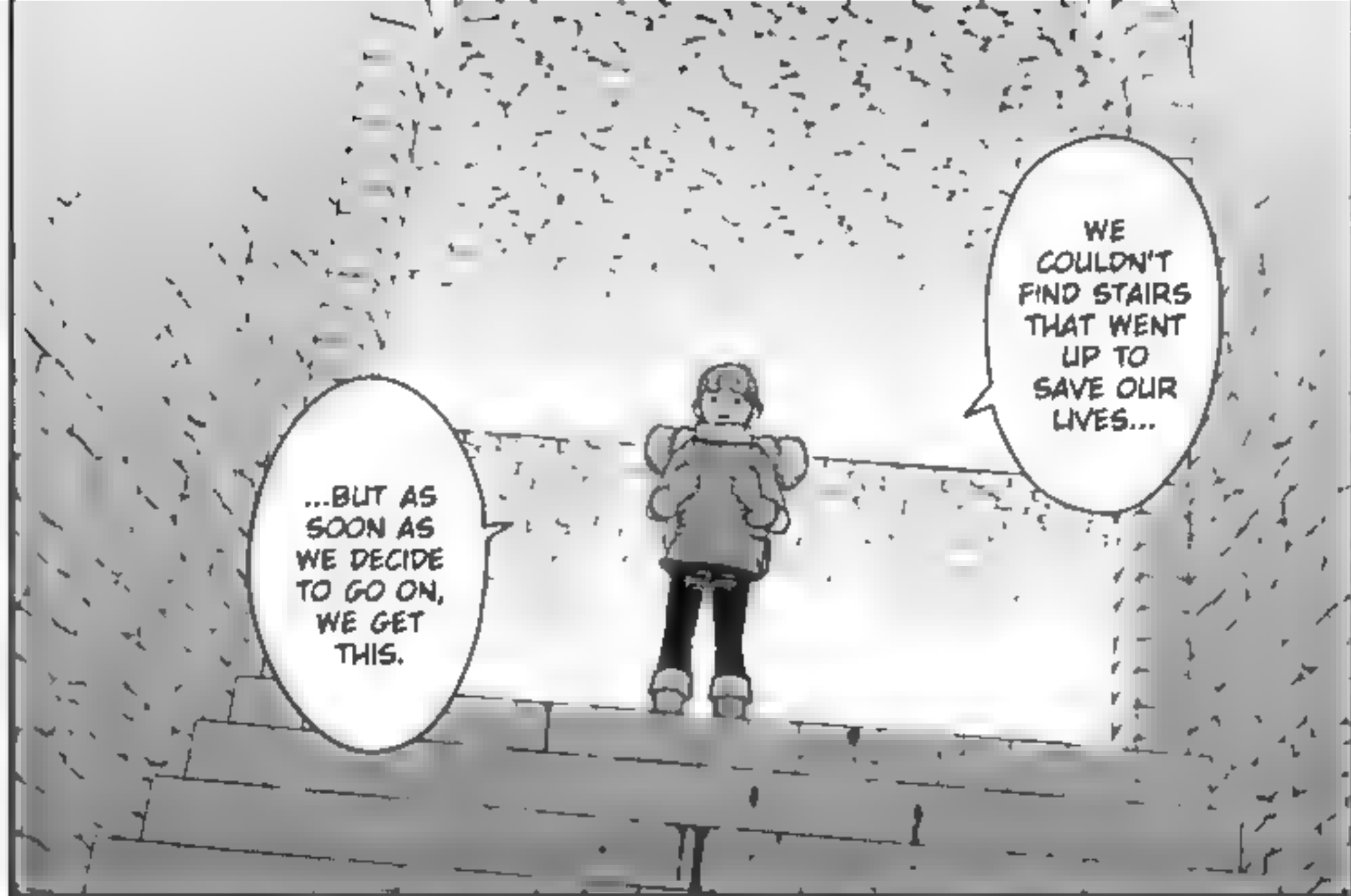


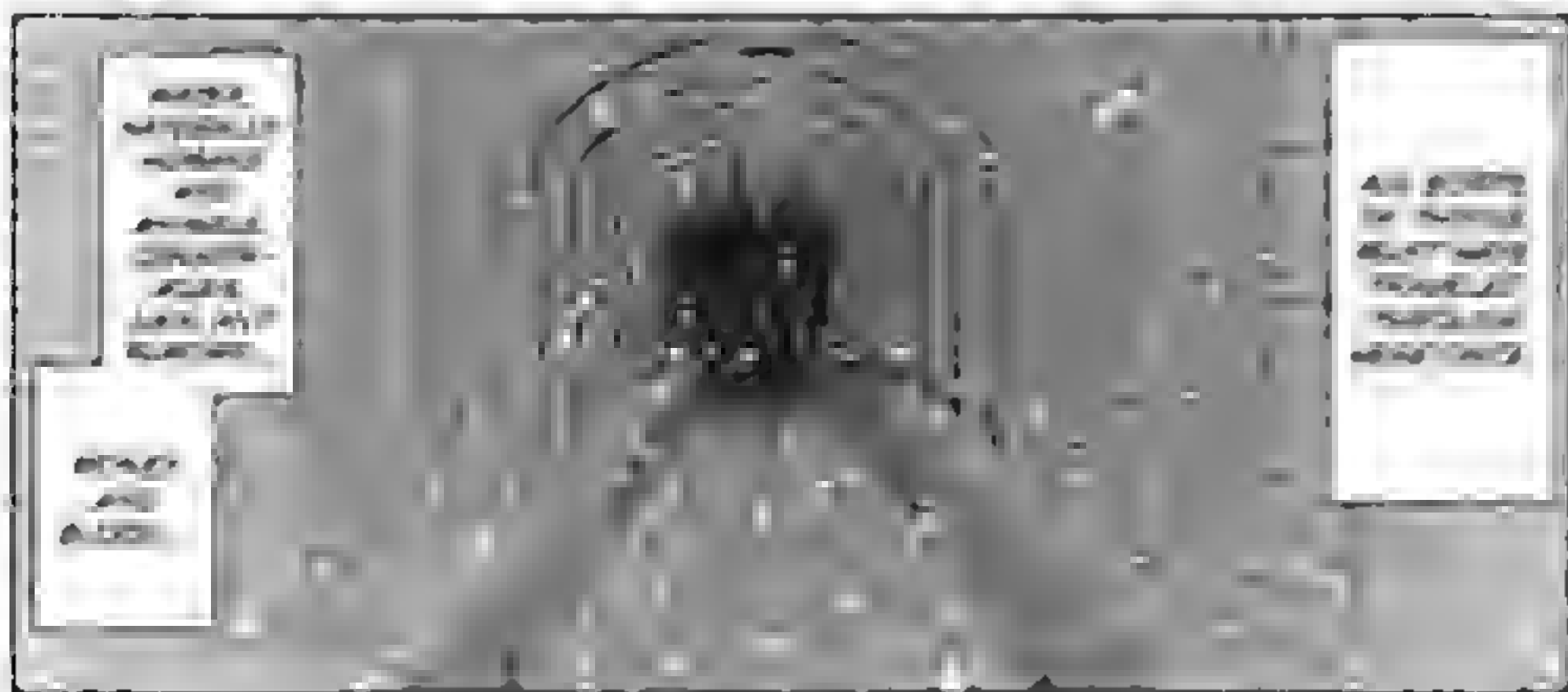
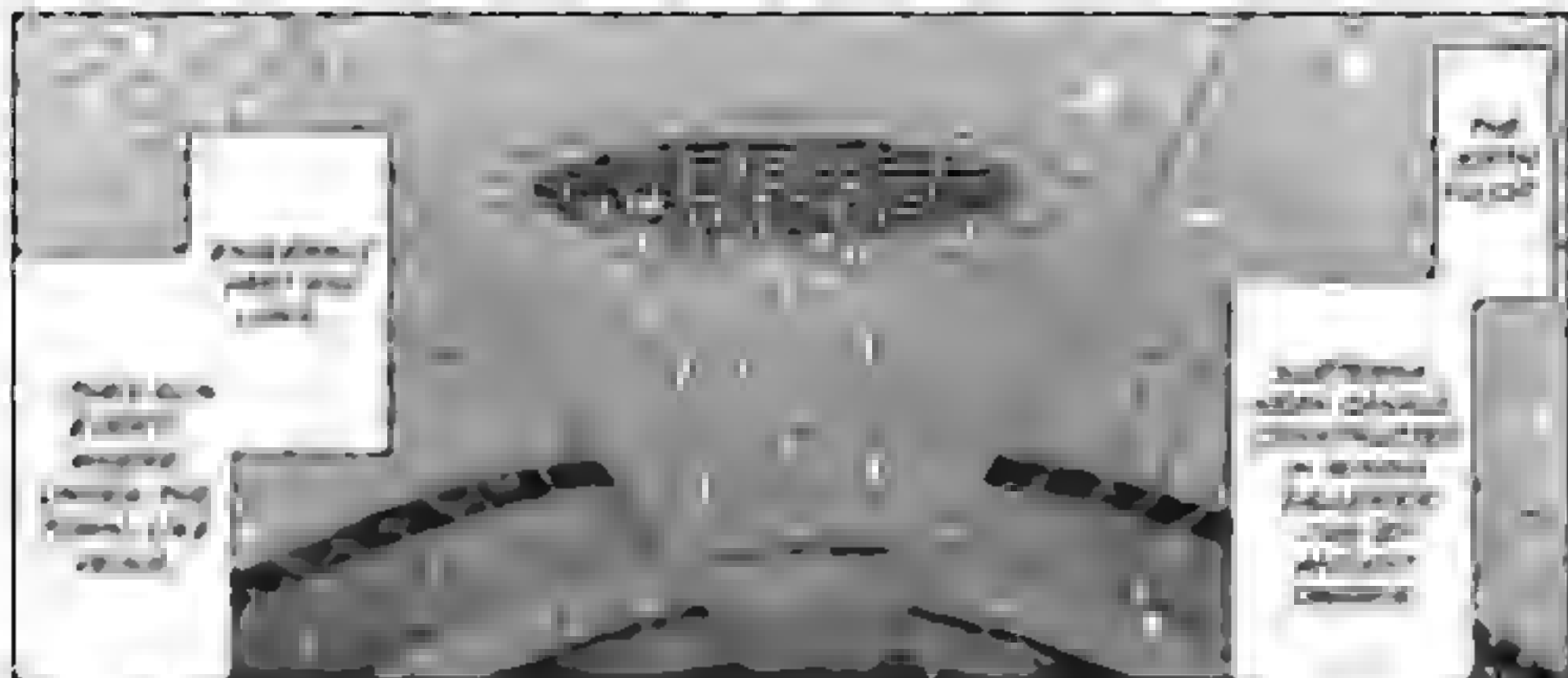


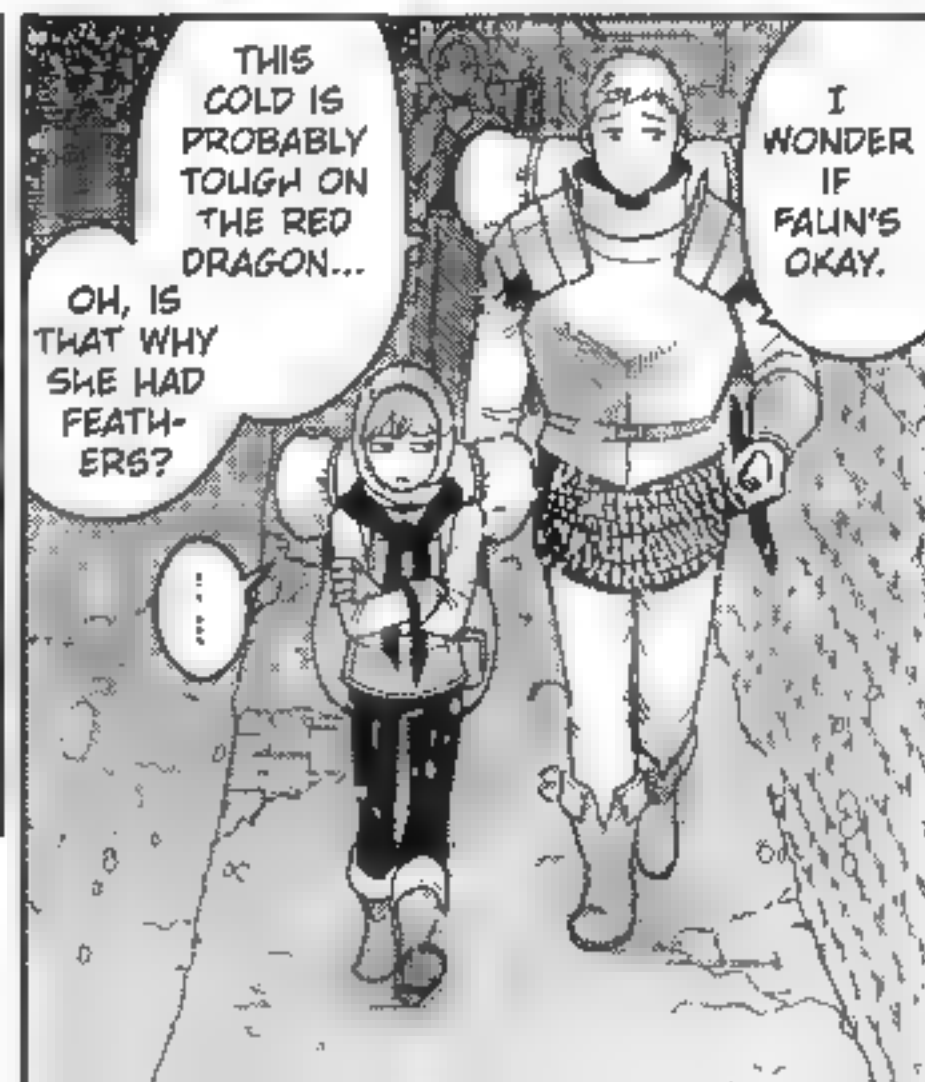


39. SHAPESHIFTER -1-





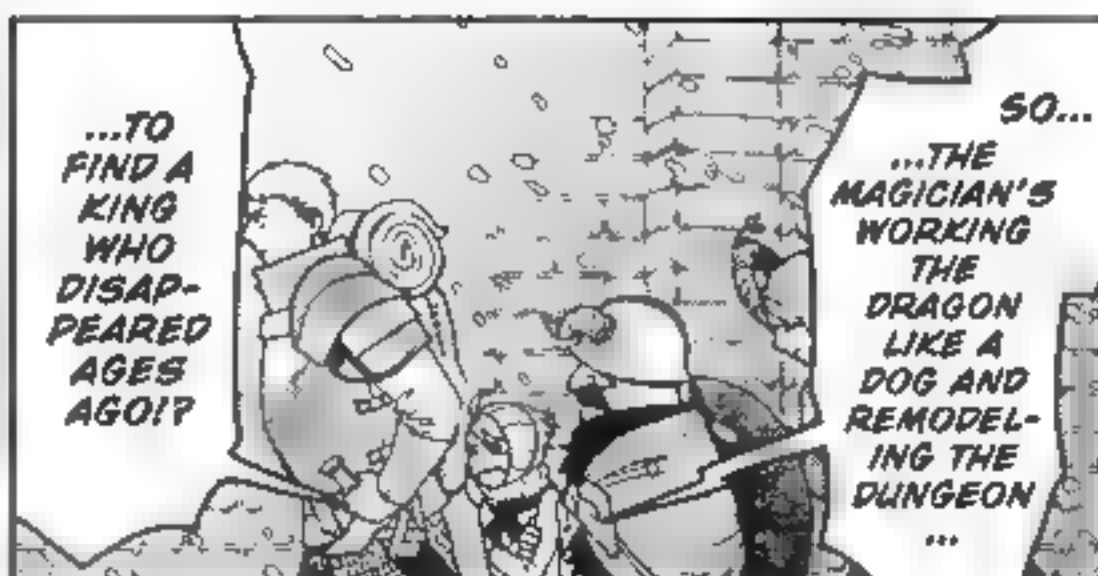








AND SO SHE TOOK US FOR ASSASSINS AND ATTACKED US.



...TO FIND A KING WHO DISAPPEARED AGES AGO?

SO...
...THE MAGICIAN'S WORKING THE DRAGON LIKE A DOG AND REMODELING THE DUNGEON ...



EVER SINCE, SHE'S BEEN AFRAID THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN TO DELGAL, HIS SON.

THE PREVIOUS KING WAS ASSASSINATED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE LUNATIC MAGICIAN.



BYUOOO (HWOOO)



THAT'S HOW I FOUND OUT!

...I ACTUALLY MET THE LUNATIC MAGICIAN INSIDE THE LIVING PAINTINGS.

NO, A WHILE BACK...



.....?

WHAT'S THAT? ARE YOU MAKING IT UP?

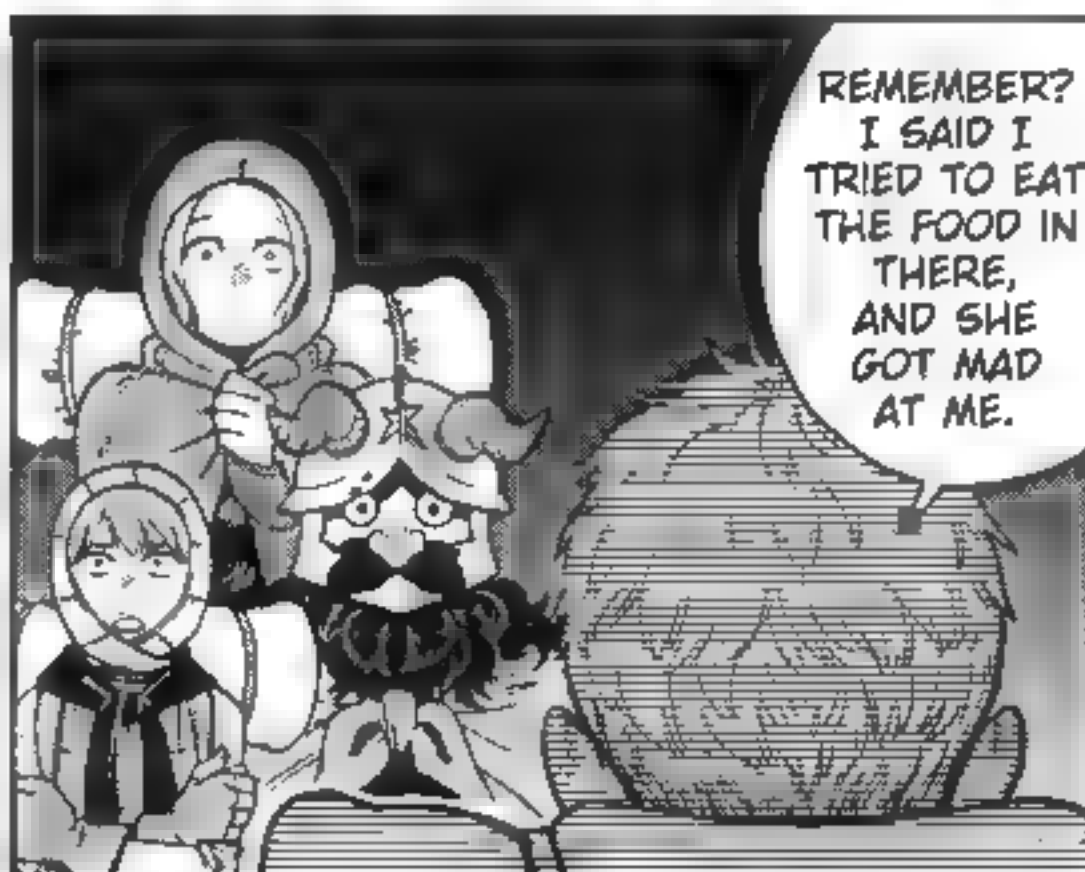


LOOK, I DIDN'T REALIZE IT AT THE TIME.

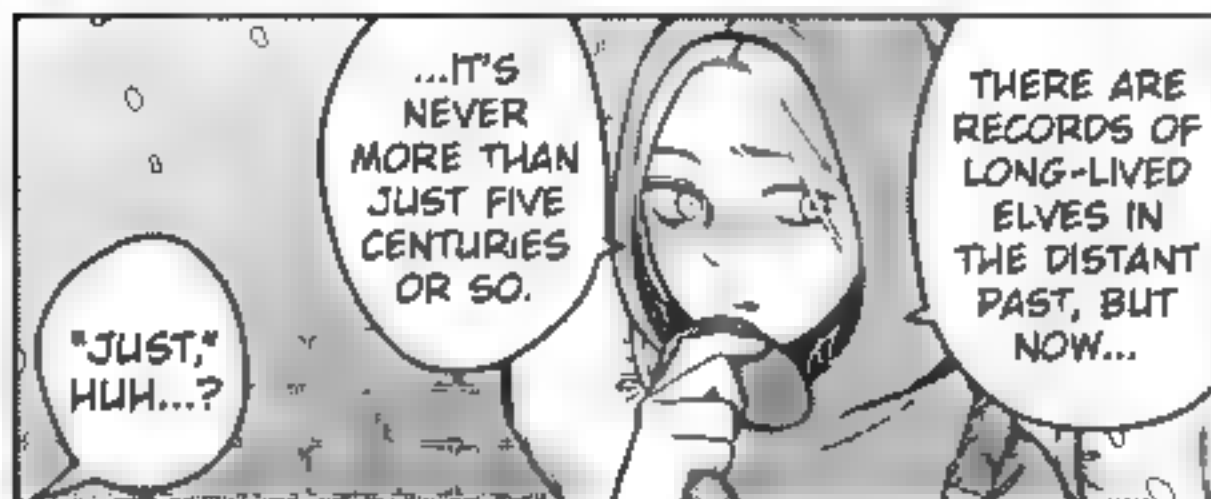
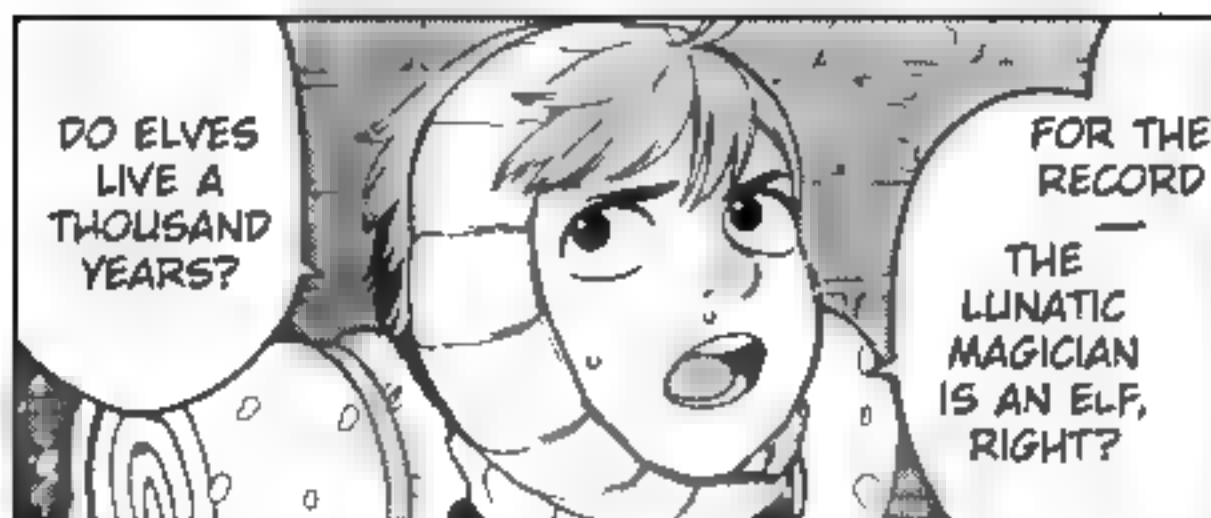
SAY THAT SOONER!

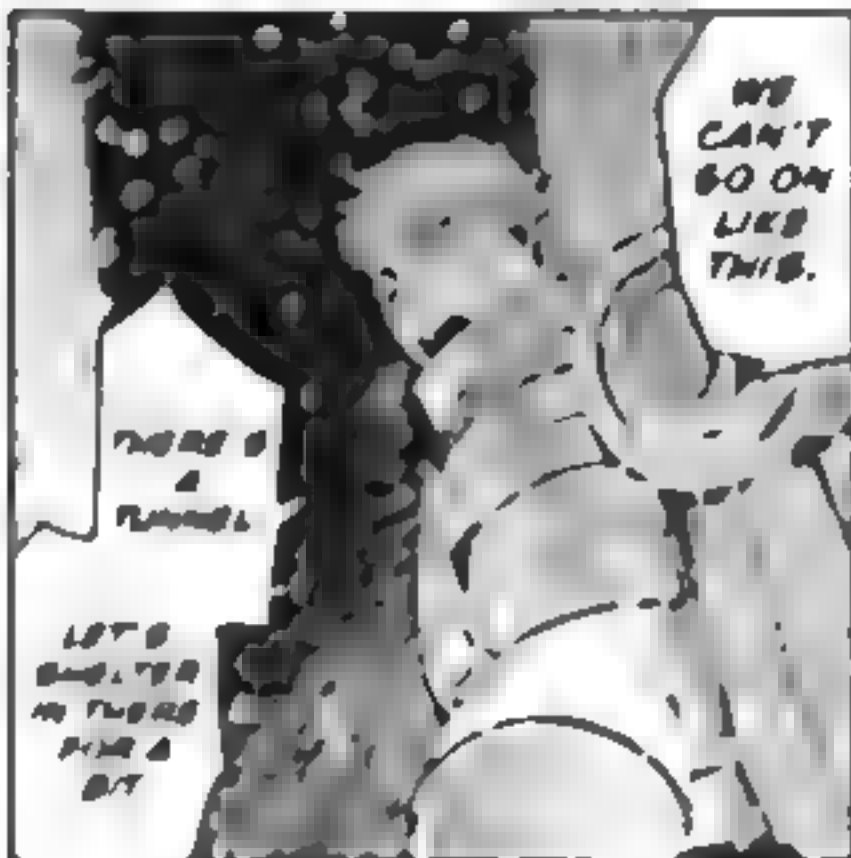
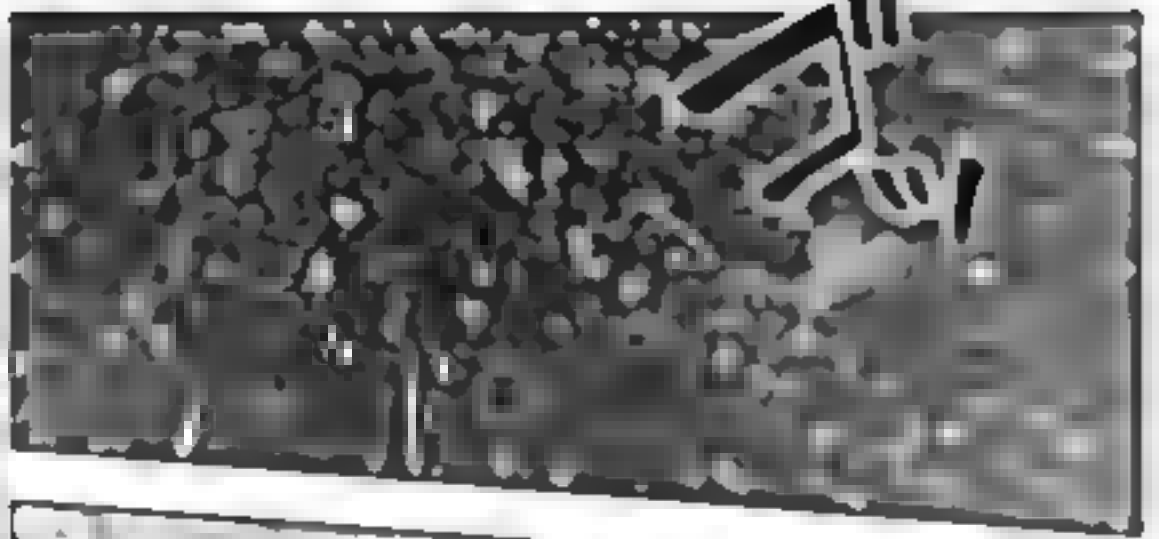
YOU ALWAYS DO THAT!!

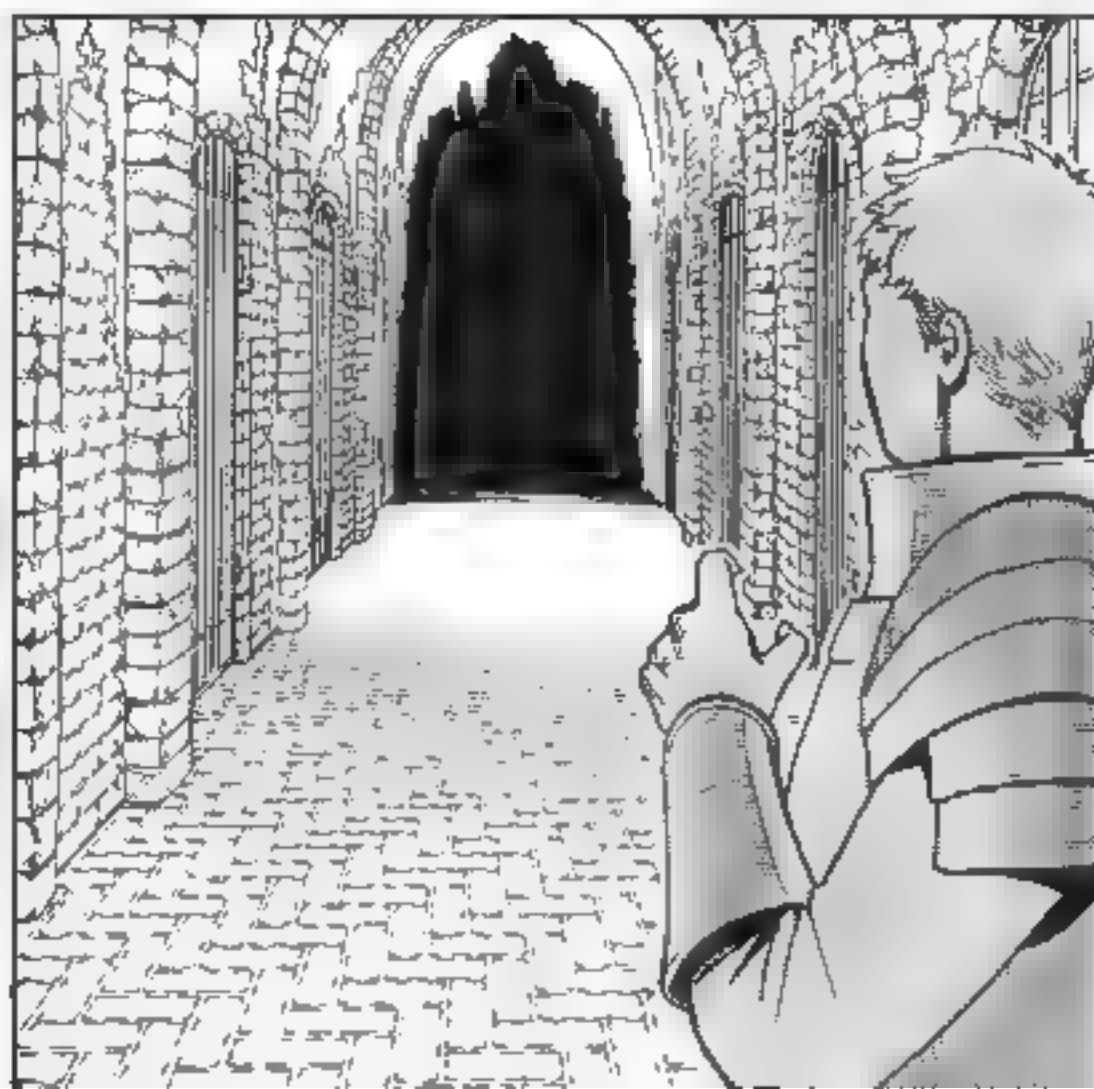
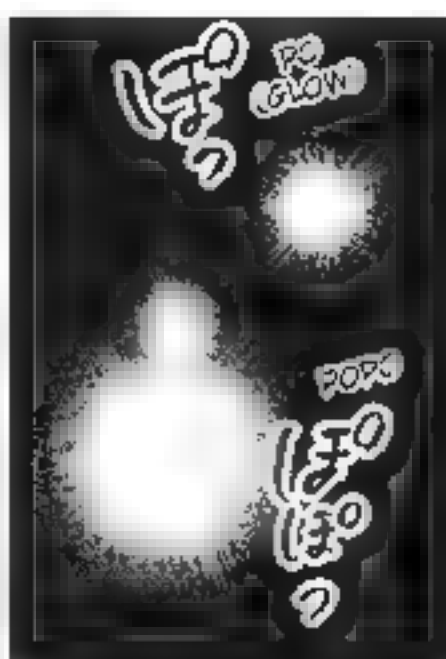
WHAT !!?

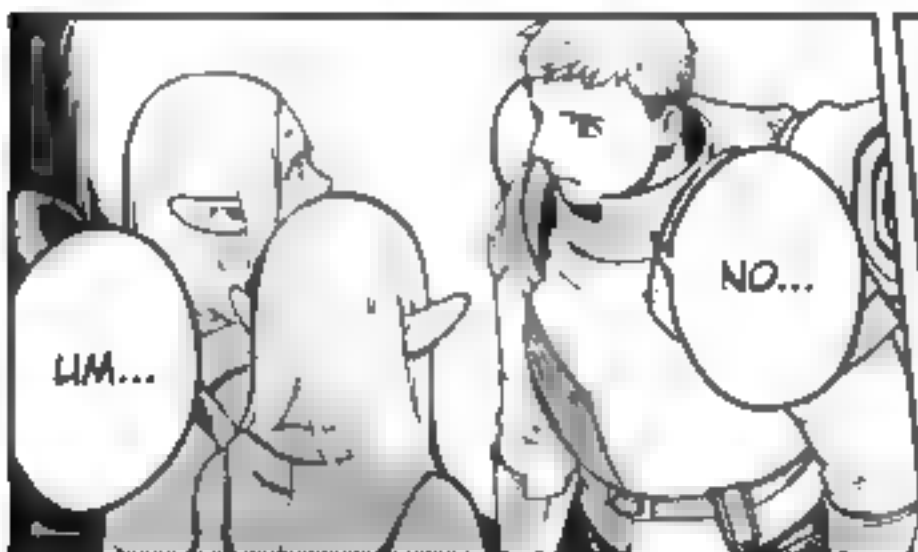
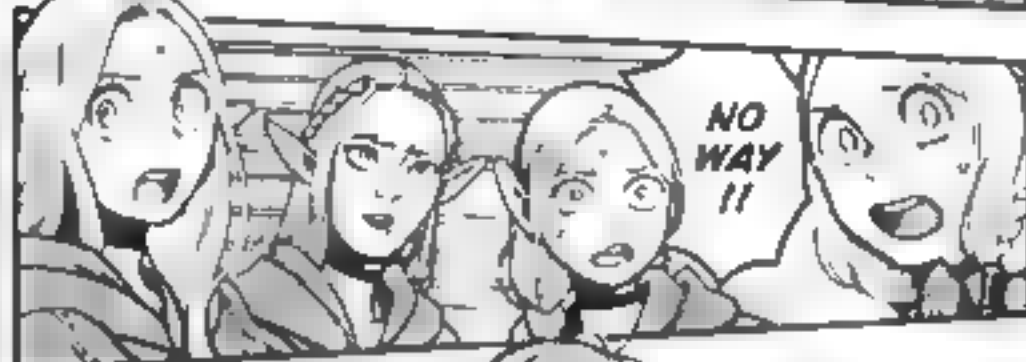


REMEMBER? I SAID I TRIED TO EAT THE FOOD IN THERE, AND SHE GOT MAD AT ME.











WE GET THEM IN MY HOMETOWN SOMETIMES.

DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

SHAPE ...?



I THINK...

...IT'S PROBABLY SHAPE-SHIFTERS.



IT'S MORE OF A RUMOR OR FAIRY TALE—I'VE NEVER SEEN A REAL ONE.

ARE THEY A TYPE OF FAIRY?

IS IT JUST SOME KIND OF PRANK?



...YOU REALIZE THAT, AT SOME POINT, YOUR COMPANIONS OR LIVESTOCK HAVE MULTIPLIED.

ON DAYS WITH DENSE FOG OR FIERCE BLIZZARDS, WHEN YOU'RE WALKING THROUGH WILD COUNTRY...



YOUR HOMETOWN'S DANGEROUS.

HUH...

THAT'S BECAUSE SHAPE-SHIFTERS HAVE COPIED THEIR SHAPES AND SLIPPED IN...

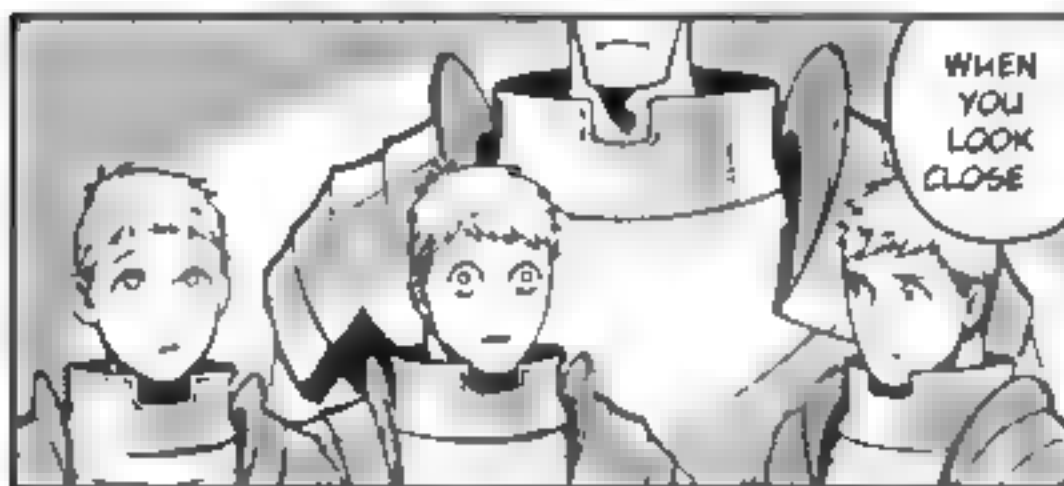
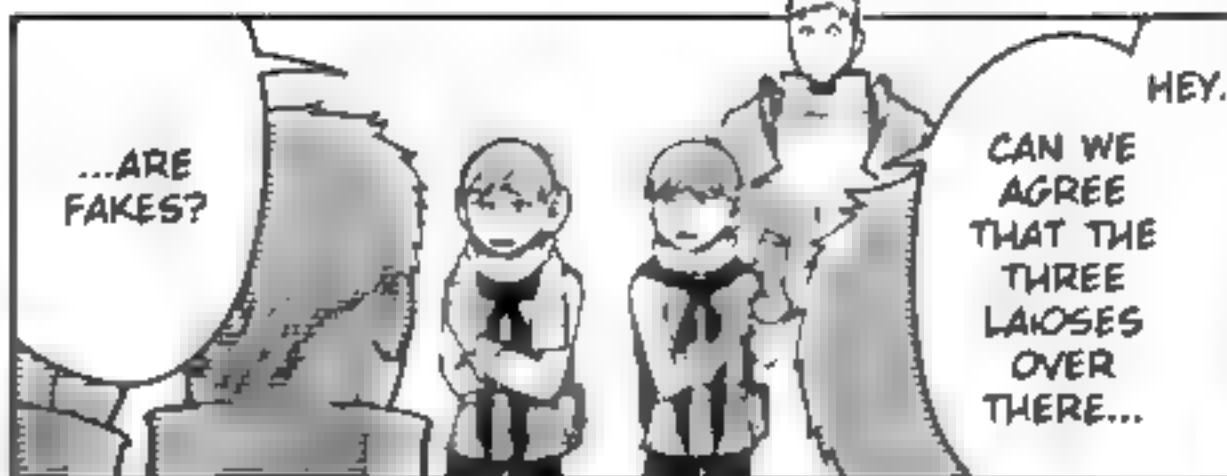


HURRY, FIND THE FAKES!

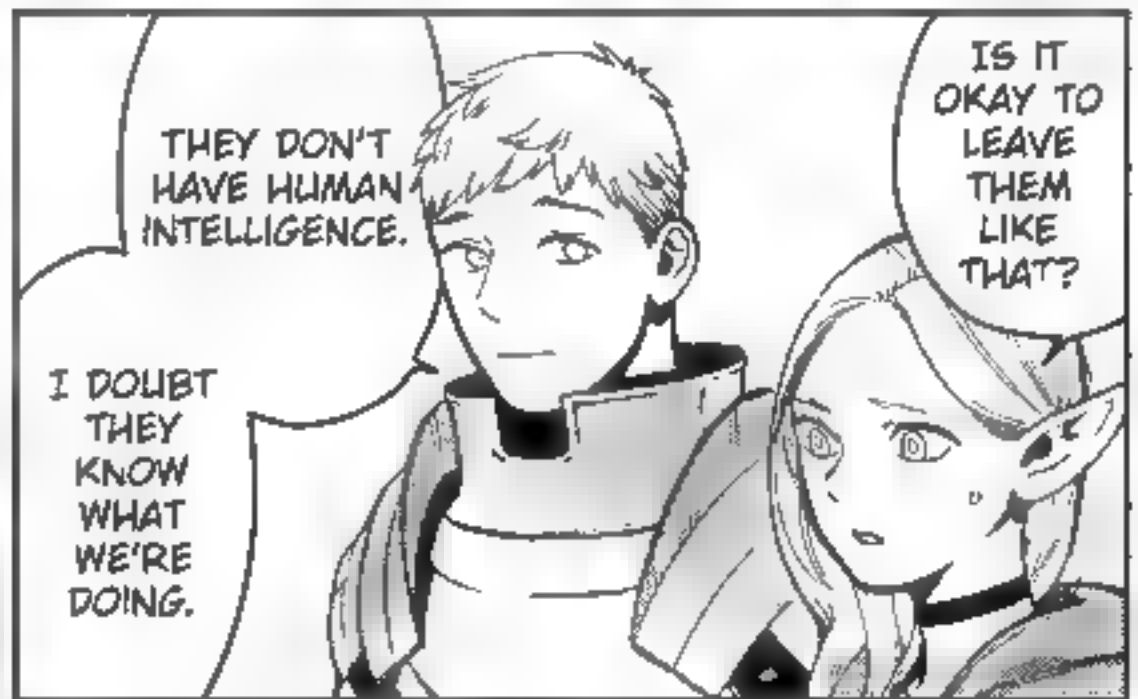
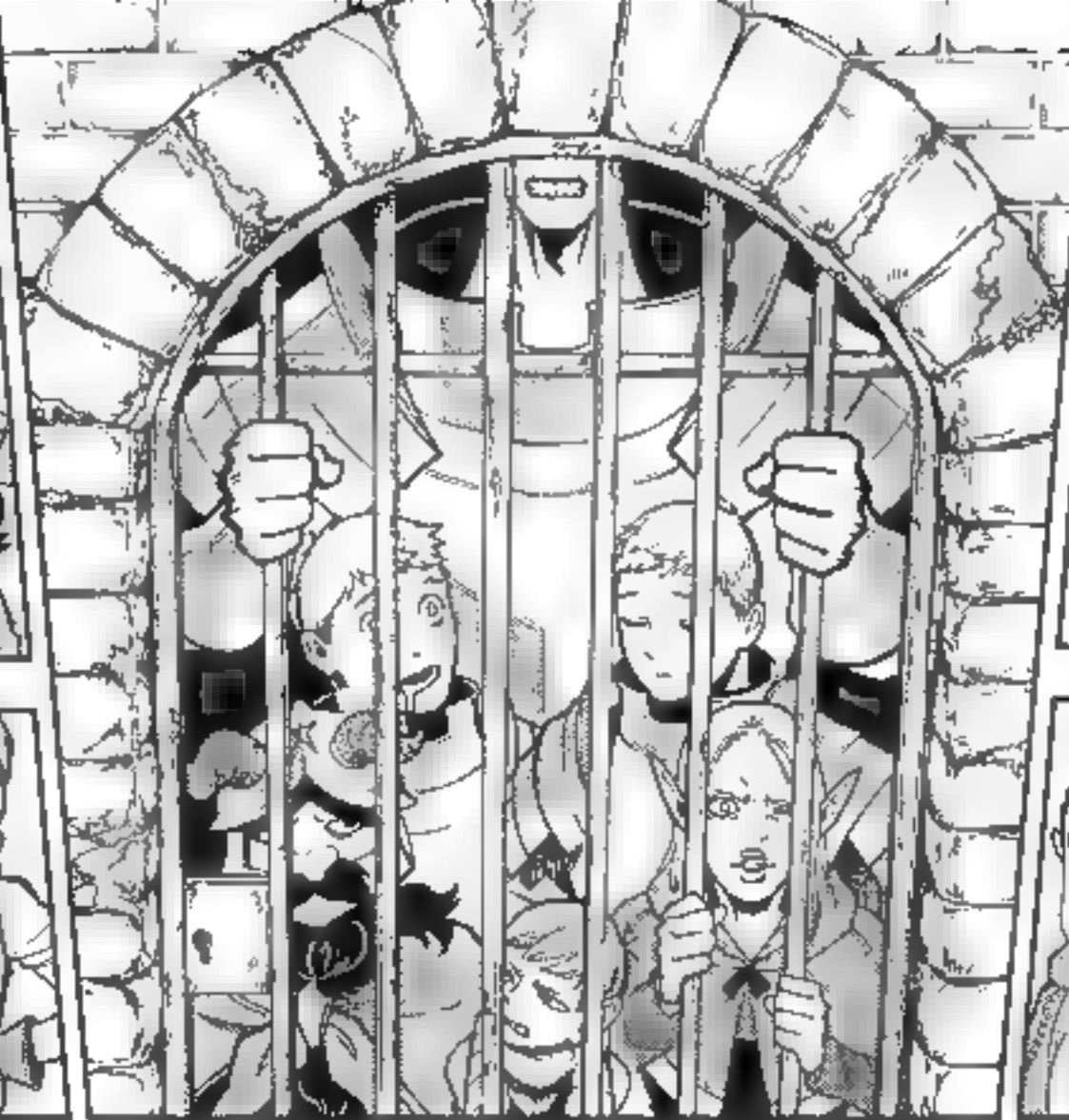
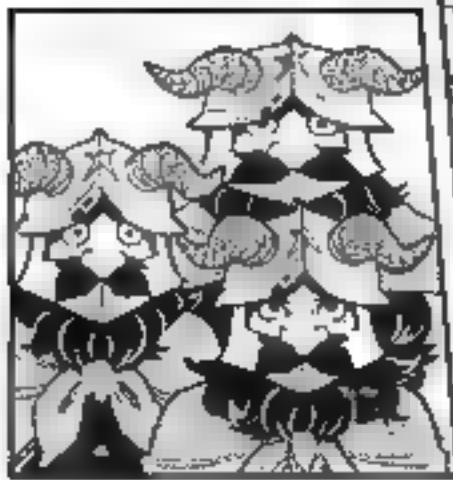
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!

YAAH!

IF YOU GO TO SLEEP WITHOUT NOTICING THEM, THEY EAT THE REAL THING AND TAKE ITS PLACE.





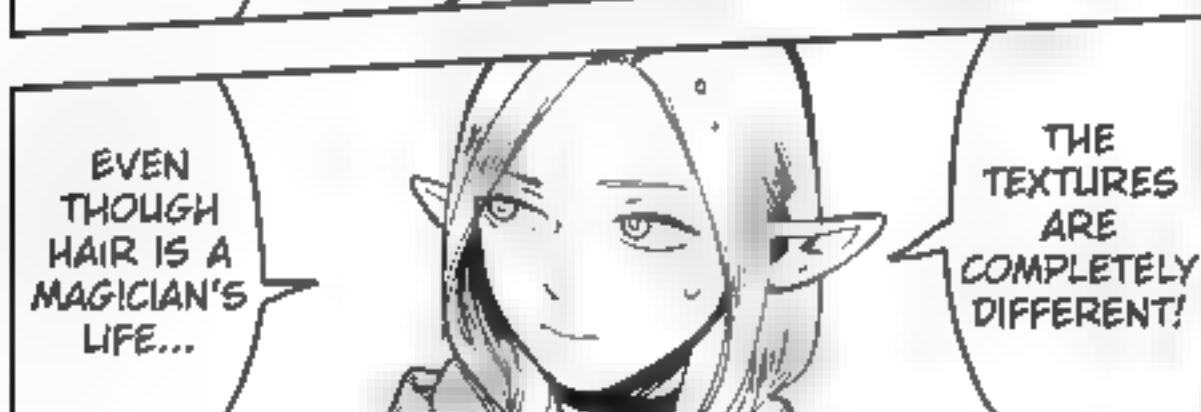
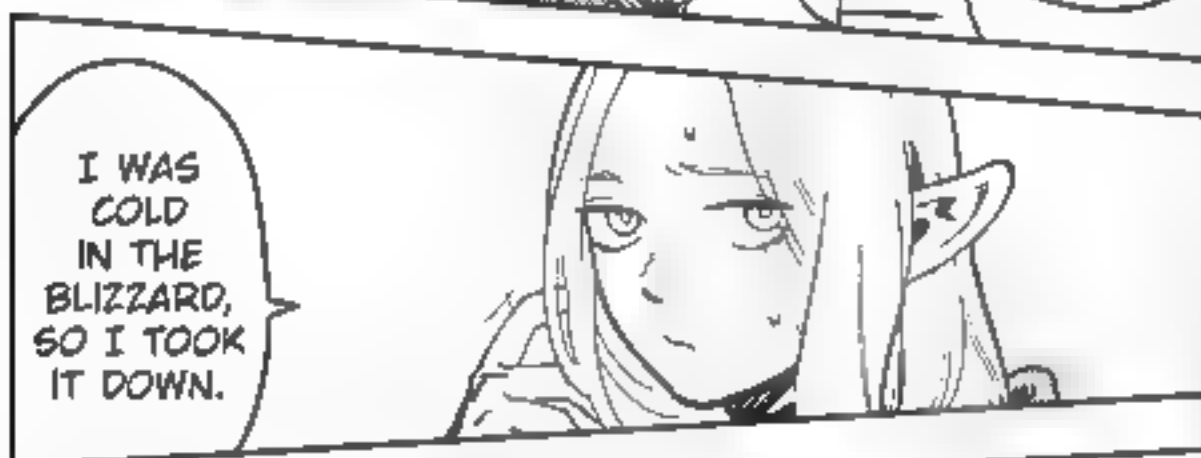
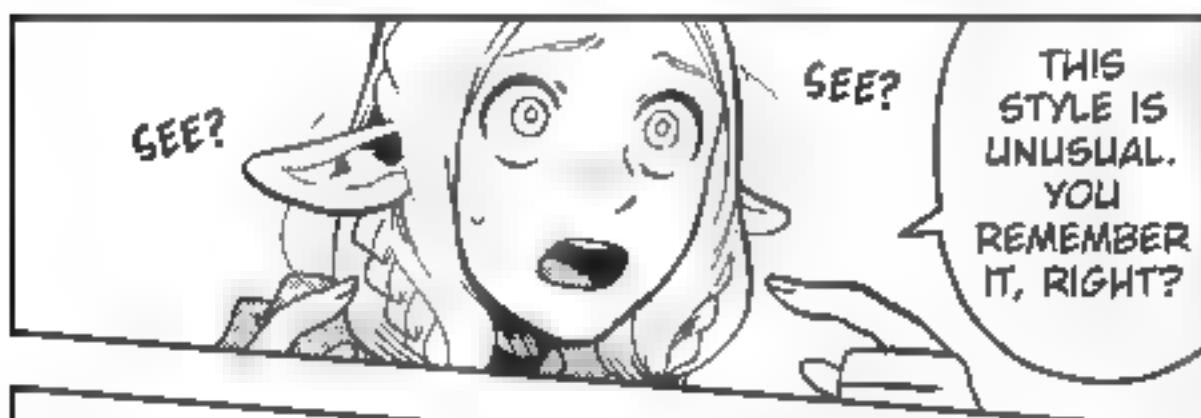




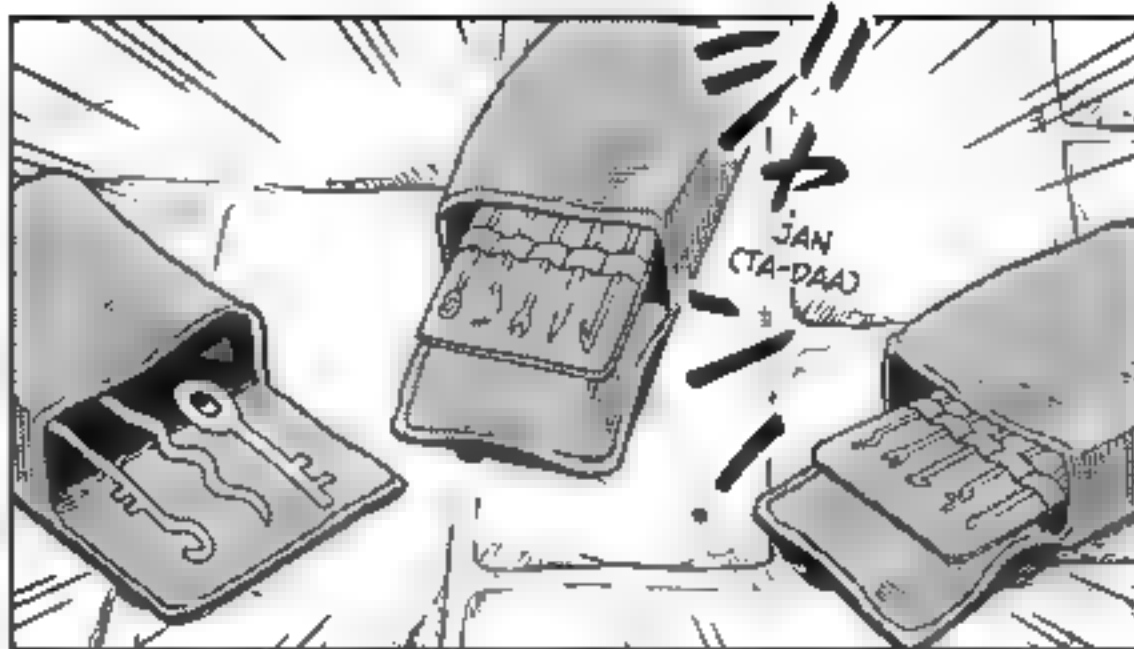
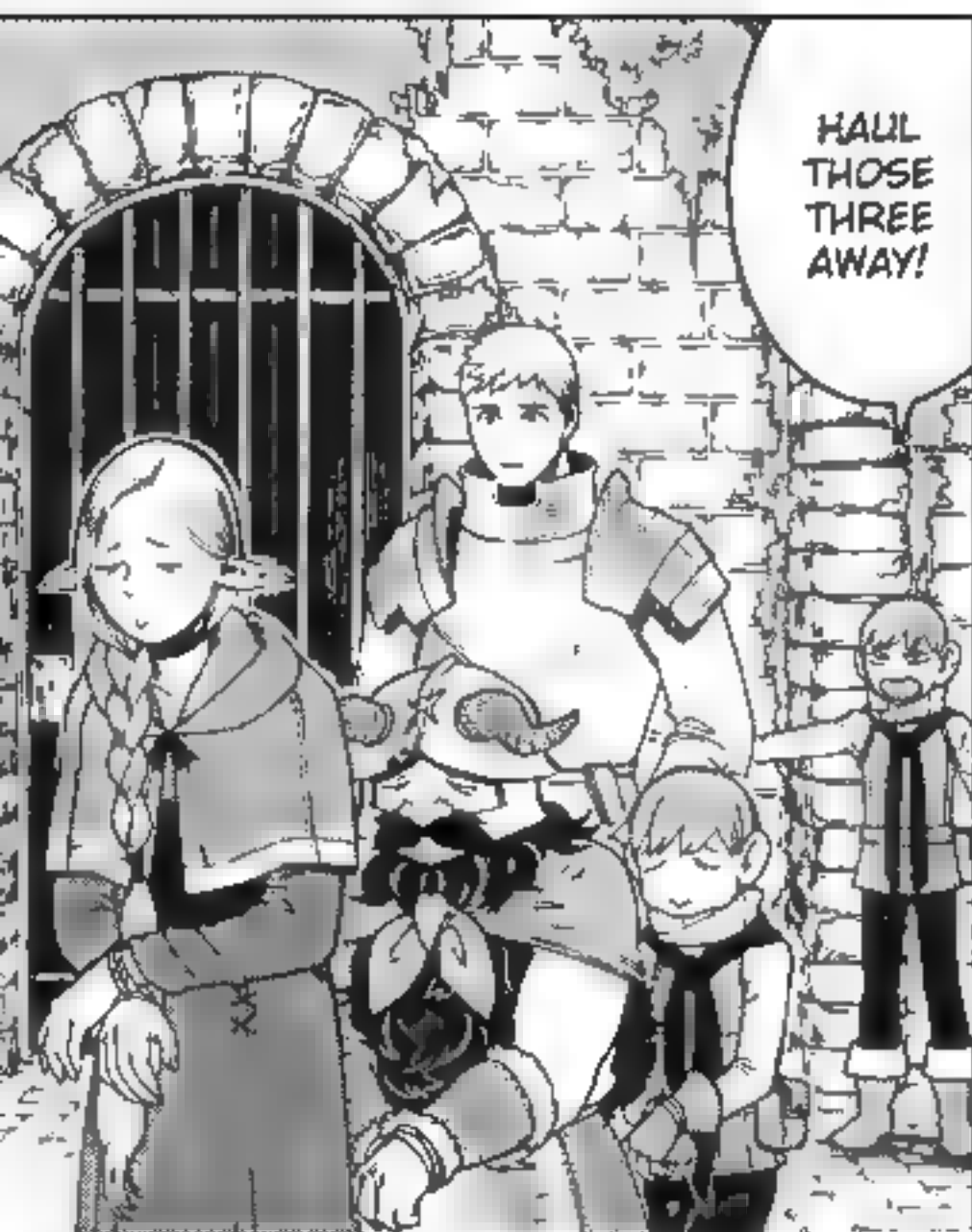
...EVEN AS WE DO THIS, OUR IMPRECISE MEMORIES ARE BEING CORRECTED.



...THERE ARE PLENTY OF DIFFERENCES, BUT...



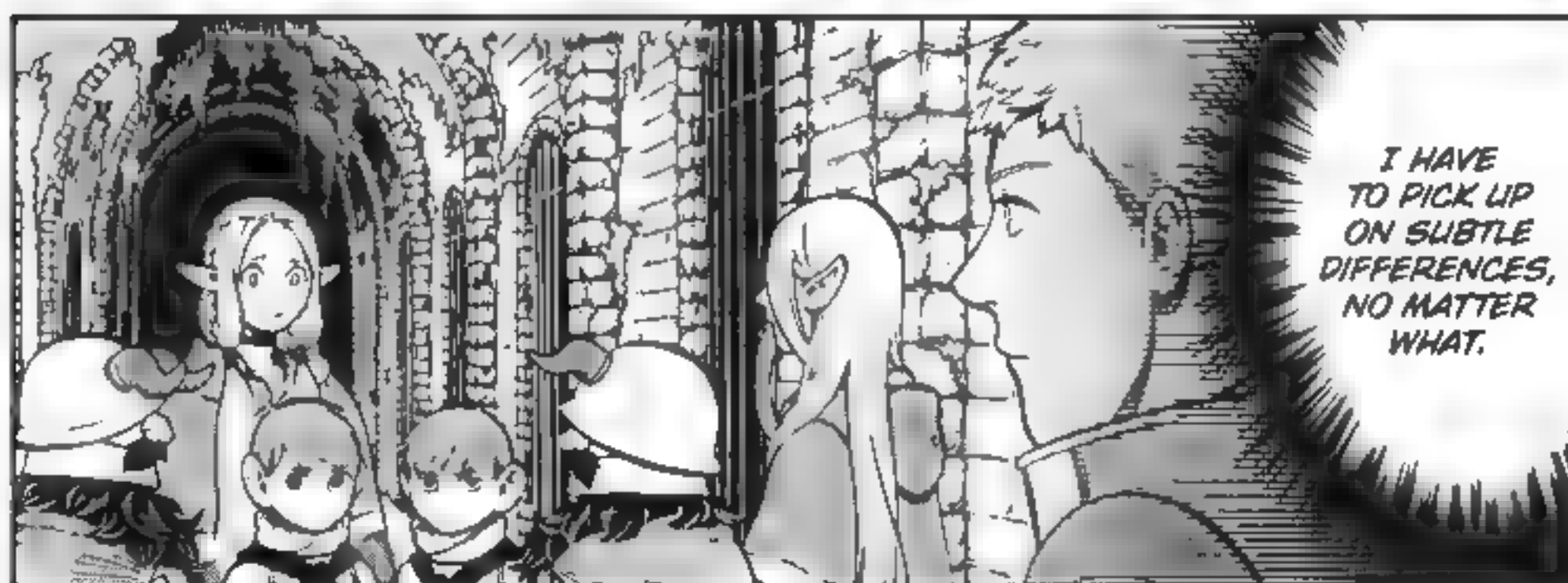






40. SHAPESHIFTER -2-







....AND THE PROVISIONS MADAME MAIZURU GAVE US.

THERE'S WHAT I FOUND ON THE FIFTH FLOOR...



...WE SHOULD MAKE...

SINCE WE JUST GOT THE PERFECT INGREDIENTS...



I WANT YOU ALL TO DO YOUR BEST.

I'LL WATCH FROM HERE.

JERK.

WHAT SHOULD WE MAKE?



IF YOU WORK TOGETHER, I CAN WATCH FOR BEHAVIORAL DIFFERENCES.

SENSHI CAN TEACH YOU THE RECIPES.



HUH !!?



ONE MORE THING!

I WANT THE DOUBLES TO PAIR UP AND MAKE ONE DISH PER TEAM.



START COOKING !!



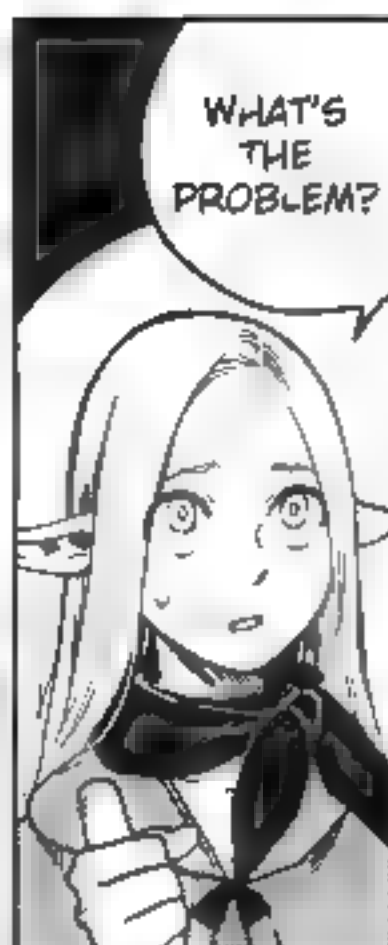
ARE YOU ALL READY?



ALL RIGHT.









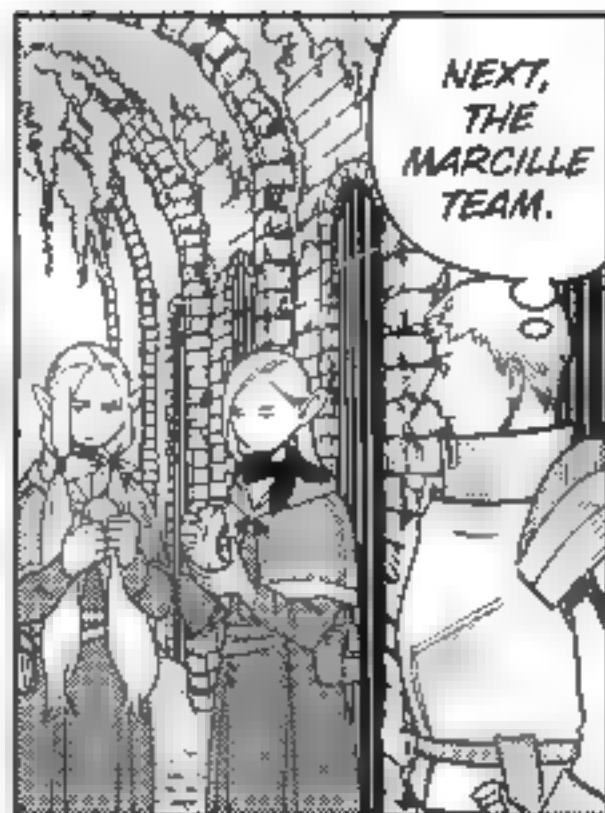
HAPPY.
WHY?



IT'S A
LITTLE
LATE
TO ASK,
BUT...

...WHAT
KIND OF
EGG IS
THIS?

IT'S NOT
FROM A
COCKATRICE,
IS IT?



NEXT,
THE
MARCILLE
TEAM.



I'VE
STARTED
TO COM-
PROMISE
A LITTLE
RECENTLY,
BUT DON'T
GET
CARRIED
AWAY!!



I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
VERY
CLEAR!

MONSTERS
THAT LOOK
HUMAN
ARE OFF-
LIMITS!



ROUGHLY
PEEL A DRYAD,
THEN DICE IT.

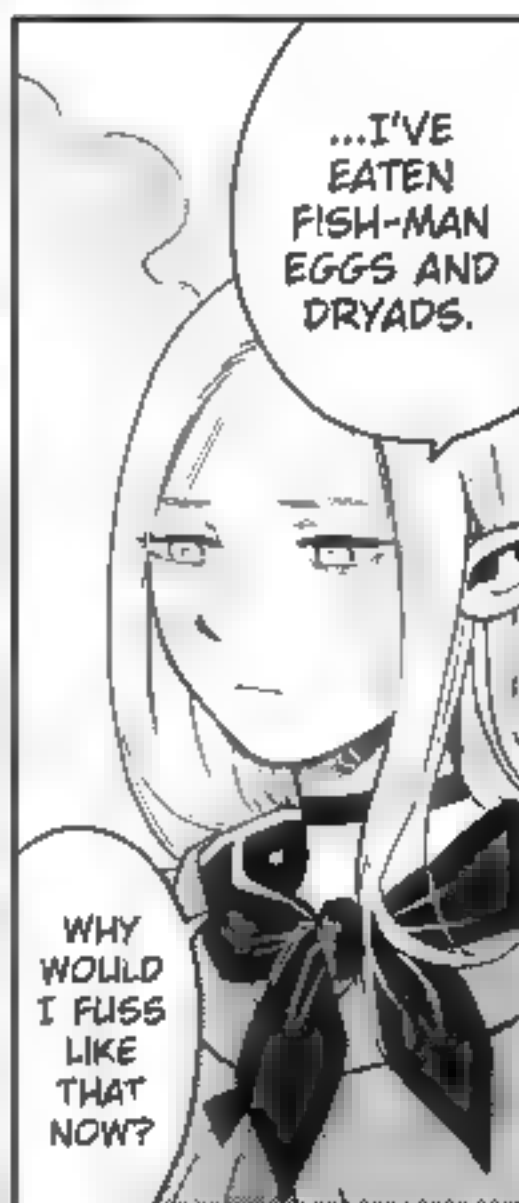


IN
CON-
TRAST
...



MARCILLE
B IS JUST
LIKE
ALWAYS.

...TO A
FAULT.









"MEMORIES OF THE FIFTH FLOOR" PILAF

Ingredients

Rice	3½ go
Water	3½ go
Mandrake	1
Cockatrice meat (snake side)	300 g
Mushroom (not inspected)	3
Spices	To taste

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION: ENERGY, VITAMINS, PROTEIN, FAT, CARBS, CALCIUM

"THE WHOLE FIFTH FLOOR" PICCATA

Ingredients

Cockatrice breast meat (snake side)	600 g
Beaten egg (harpy)	Half of 1
Spices	To taste
Dryad sauerkraut	As much as you like

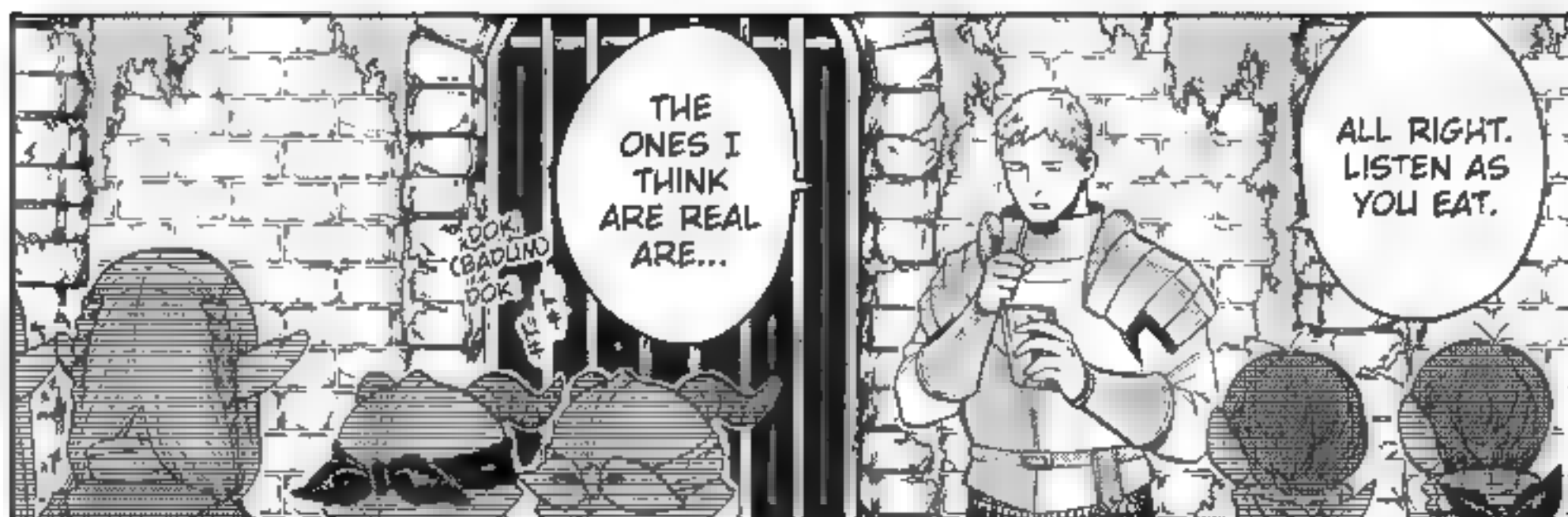
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SWEET DRYAD

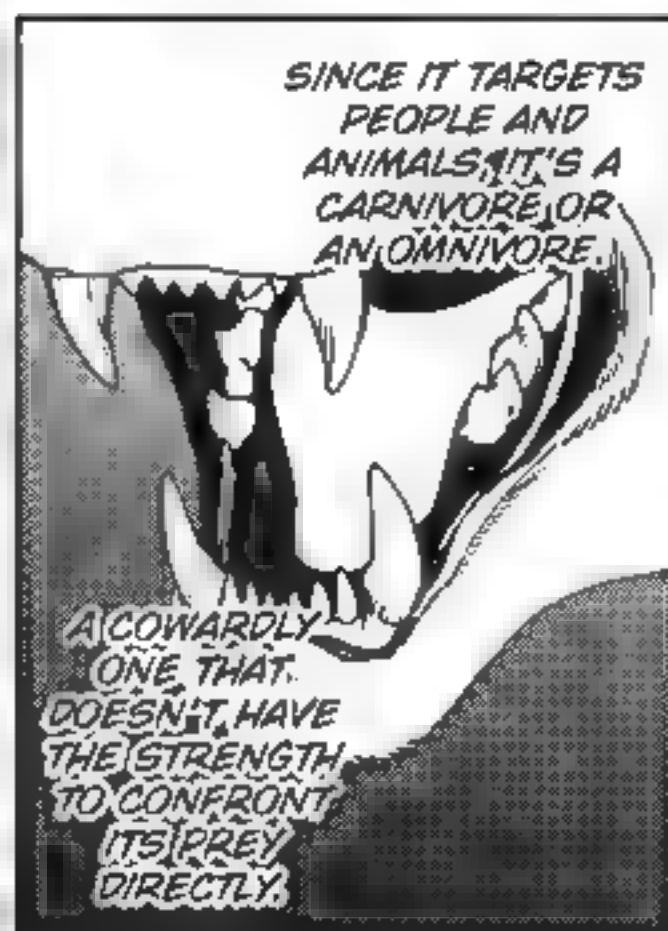
Ingredients

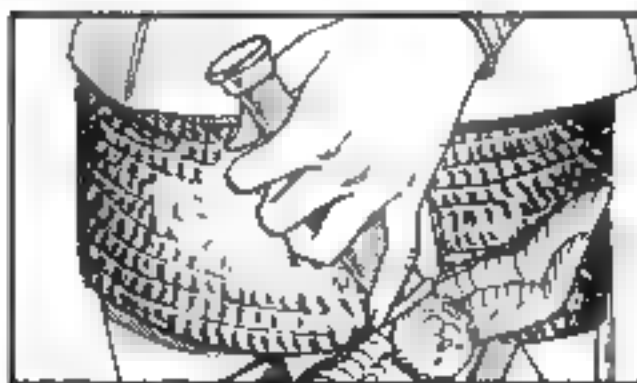
Dryad fruit	Half of 1
Butter	20 g
Spices	To taste
Egg yolk (harpy)	300 g

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION: ENERGY, VITAMINS, PROTEIN, FAT, CARBS, CALCIUM









KEN-SUKE'S REALLY QUIET.

THE COLD MIGHT KILL HIM.



I DOUBT I'LL HIT IT BY SWINGING AROUND A SWORD AT RANDOM.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



THE ENEMY IS WAITING FOR US TO WEAR OURSELVES OUT.

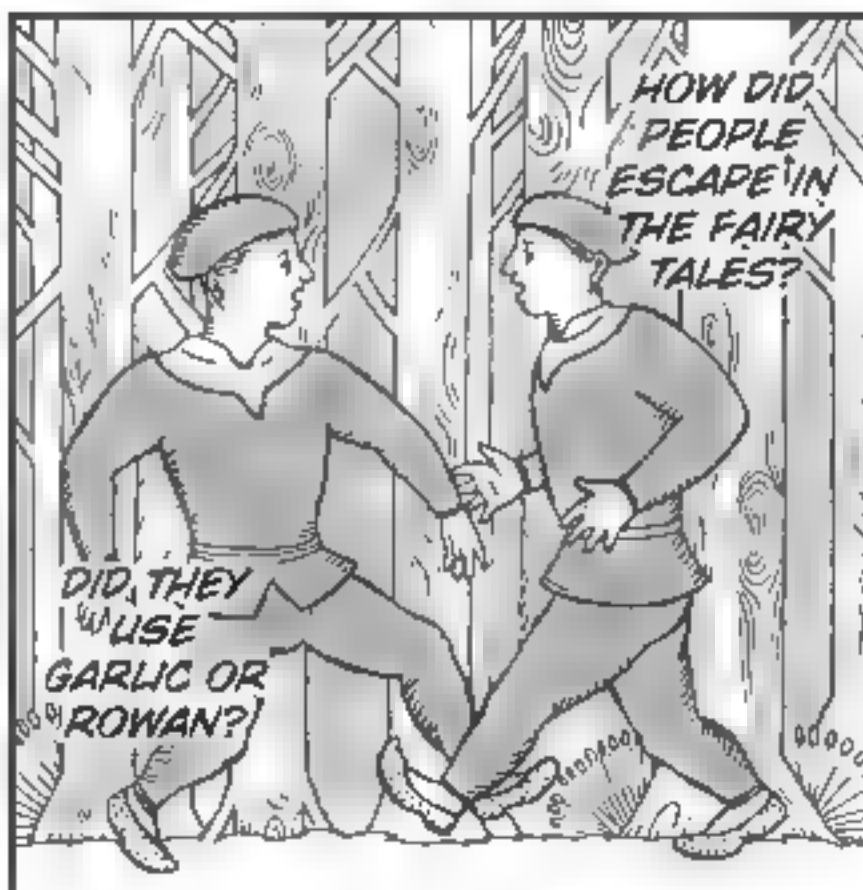


KACHA (CLINK)

NO. THIS IS SIMPLER THAN THAT.

TO FIGHT AN ANIMAL, YOU MUST FIGHT LIKE AN ANIMAL.

I JUST HAVE TO FLIP THE DYNAMIC FROM HUNTER TO HUNTED.



HOW DID PEOPLE ESCAPE IN THE FAIRY TALES?

DID THEY USE GARLIC OR ROWAN?



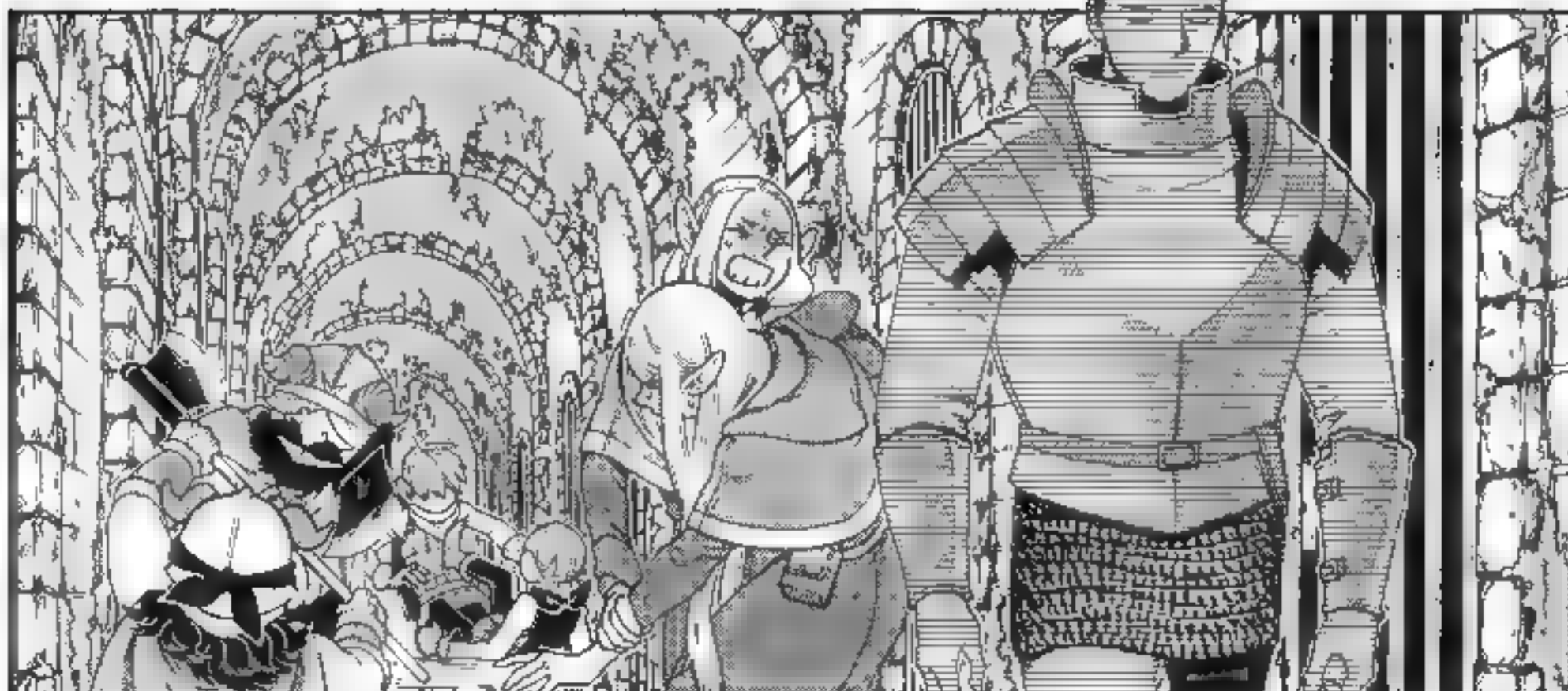
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT...

...I'LL DO THAT.

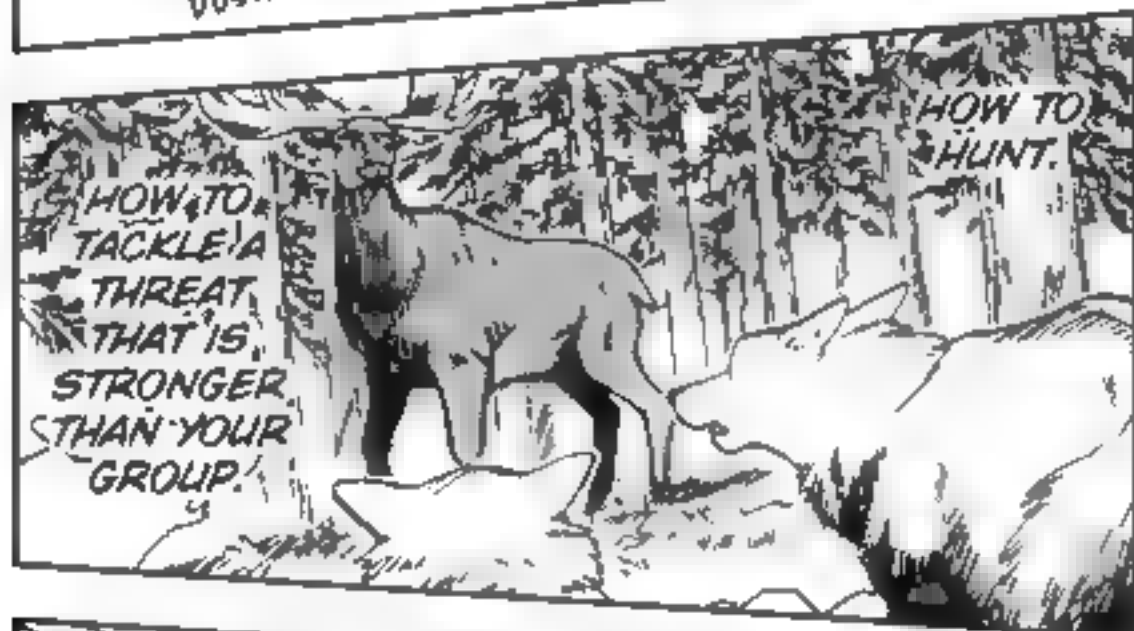
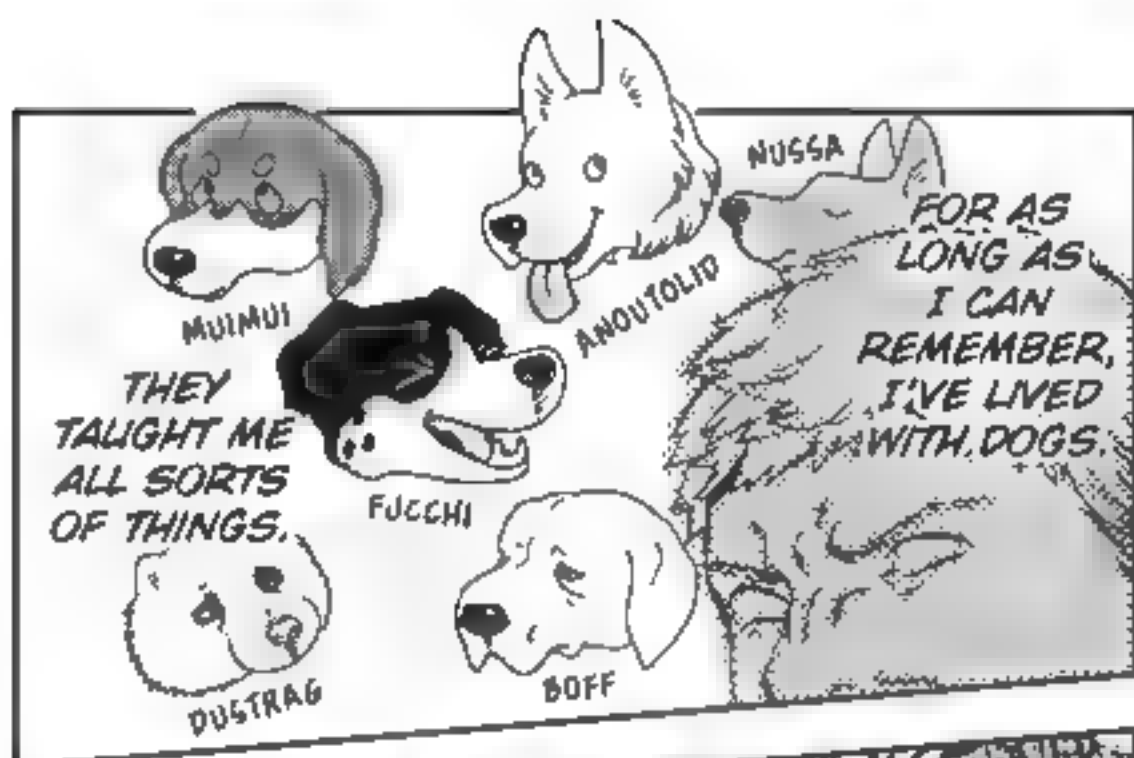


HAAH...

KOKI (KRIK)









THERE
YOU
ARE.



IF YOU'RE
A BEAST,
THEN YOU
KNOW FULL
WELL.

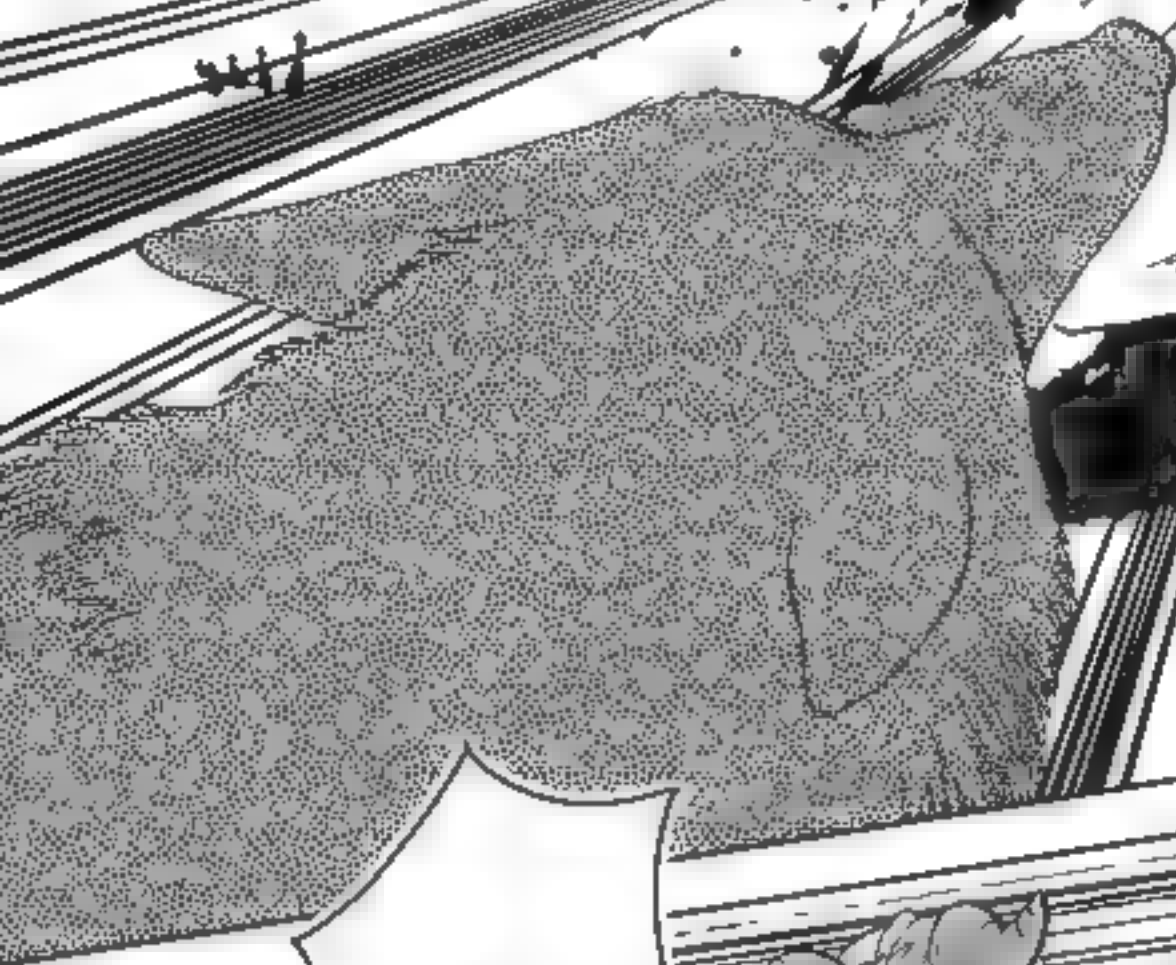
IN THIS
FIGHT...

RR

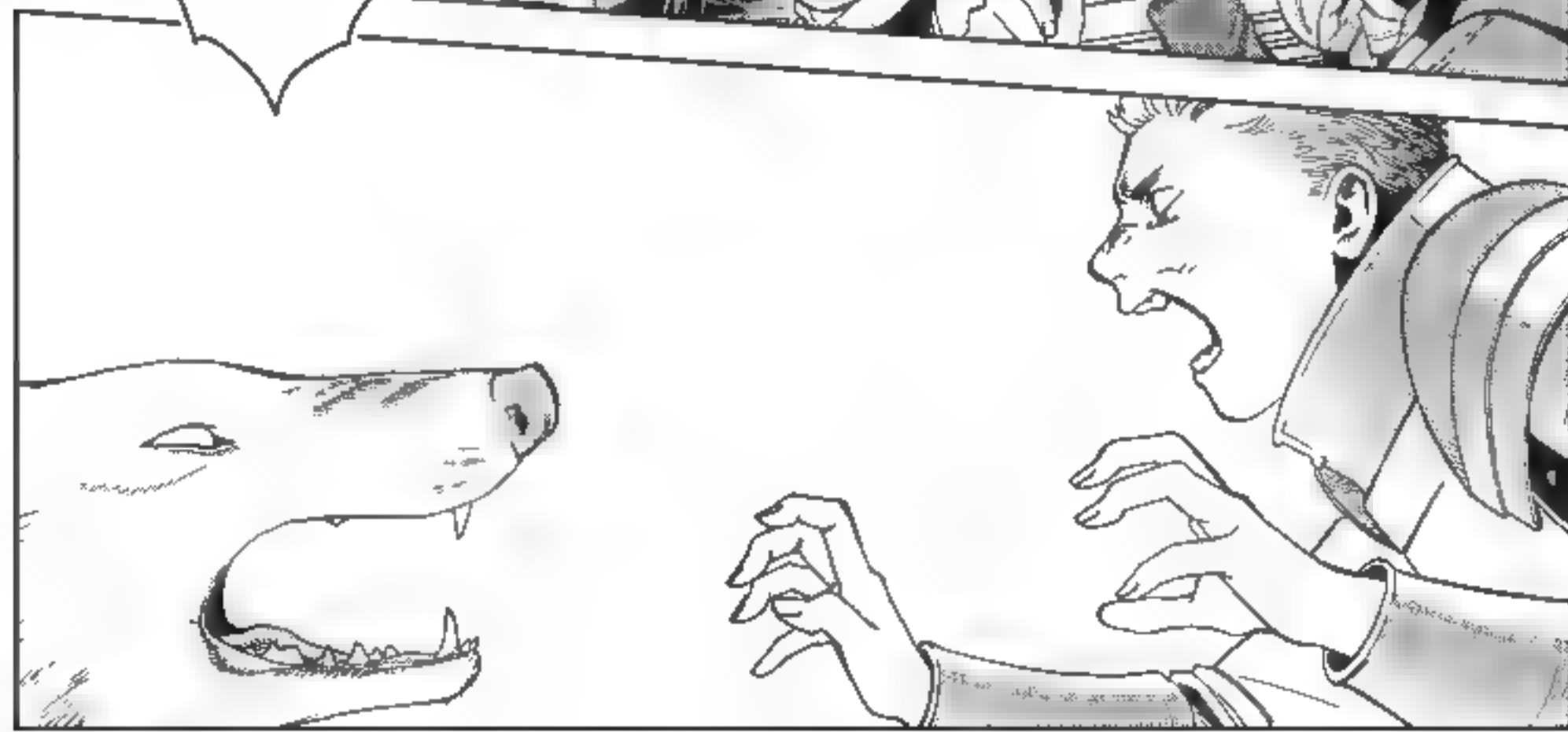




...WHOEVER
FLINCHES
LOSES!

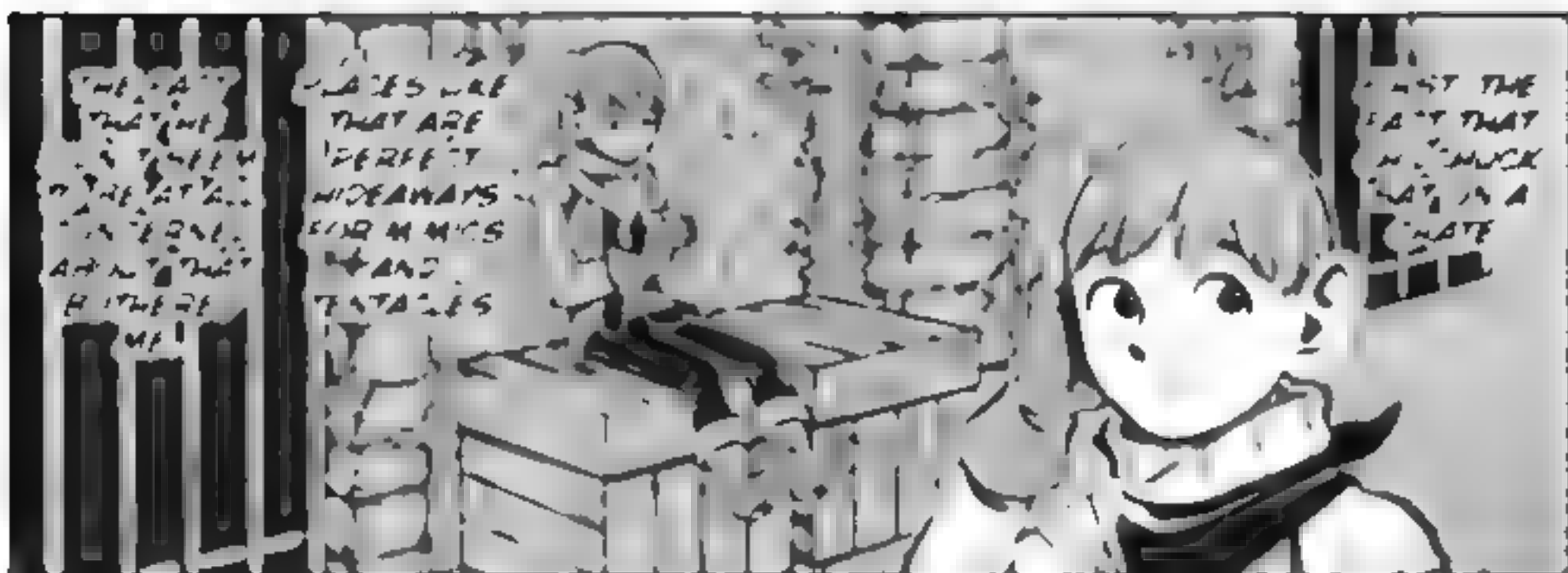


LAIOOOS
!!

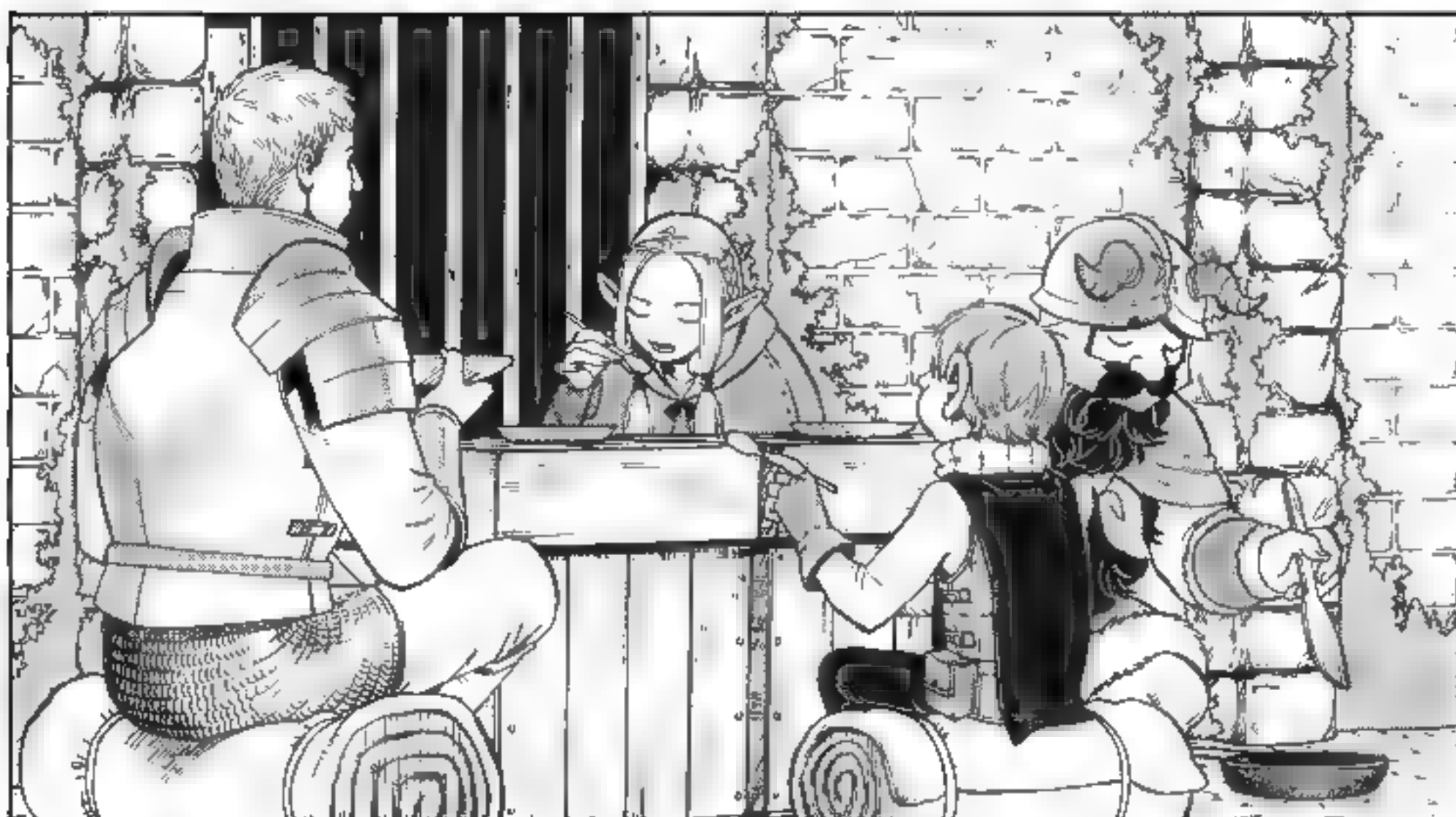


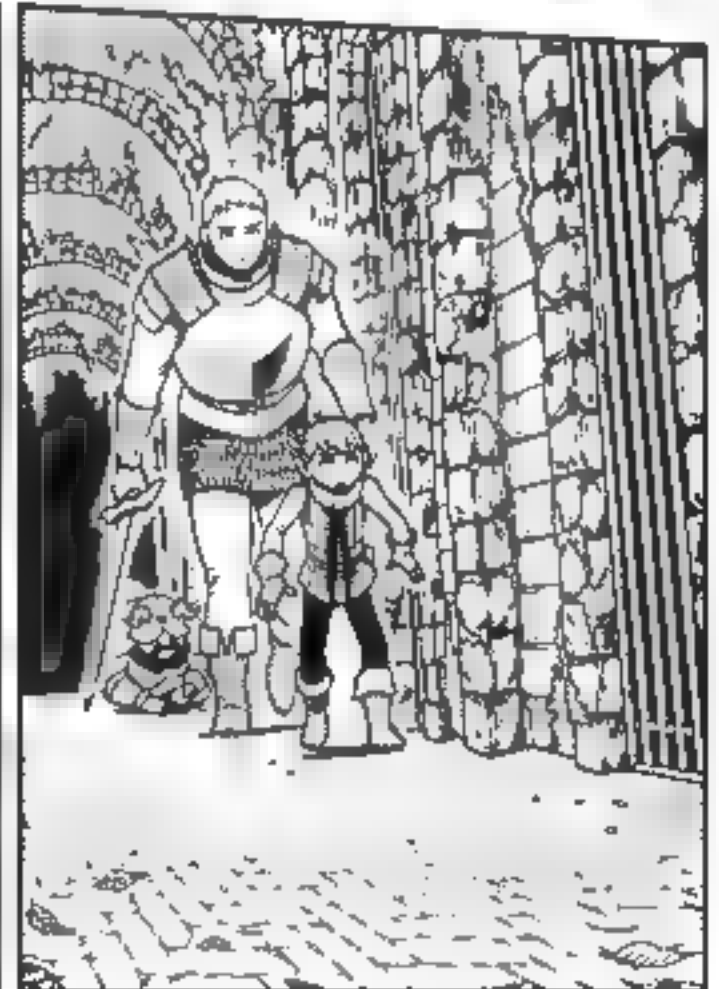
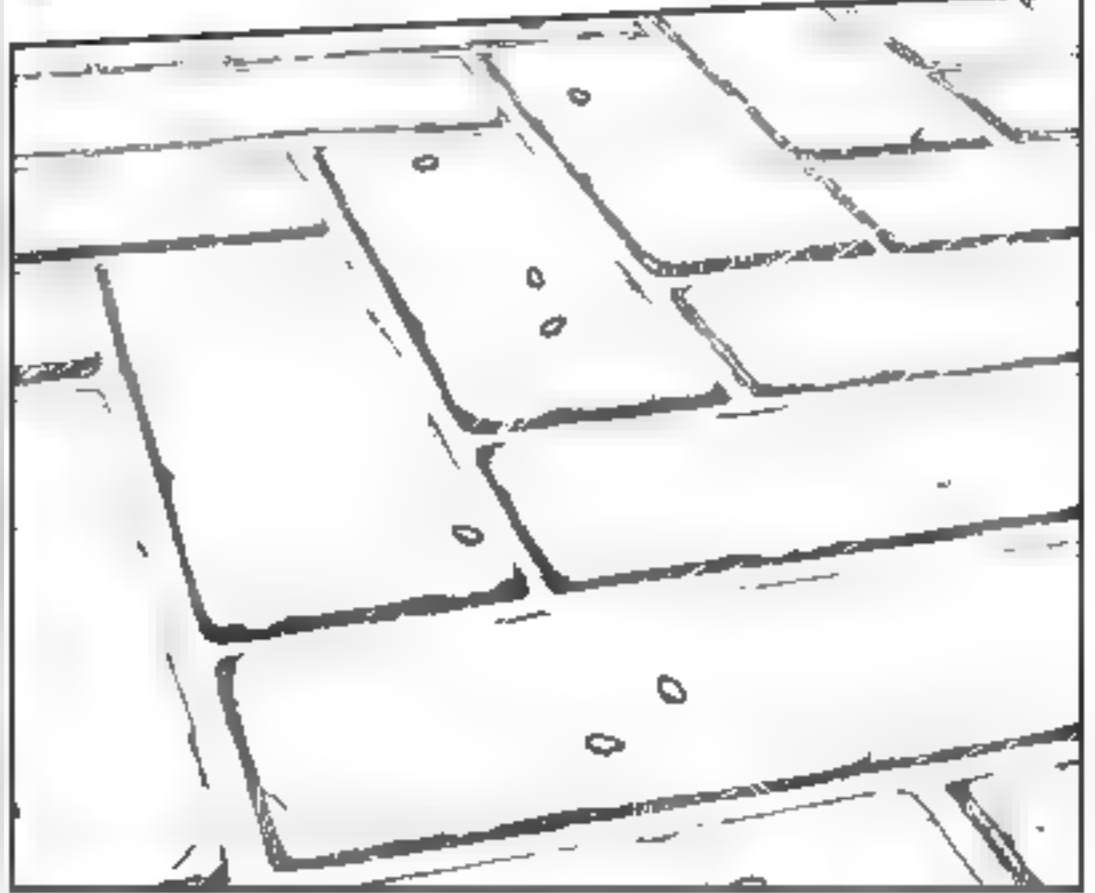
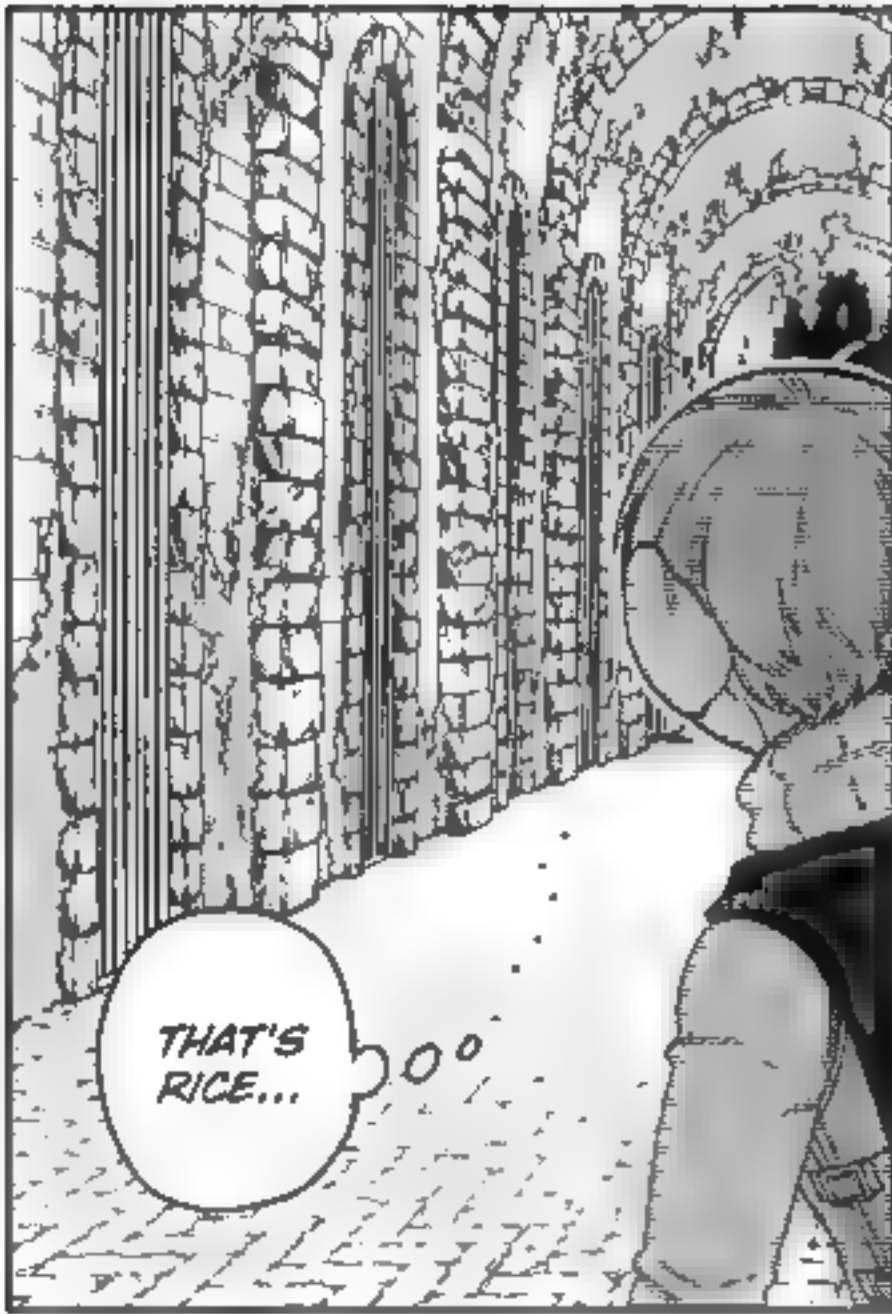












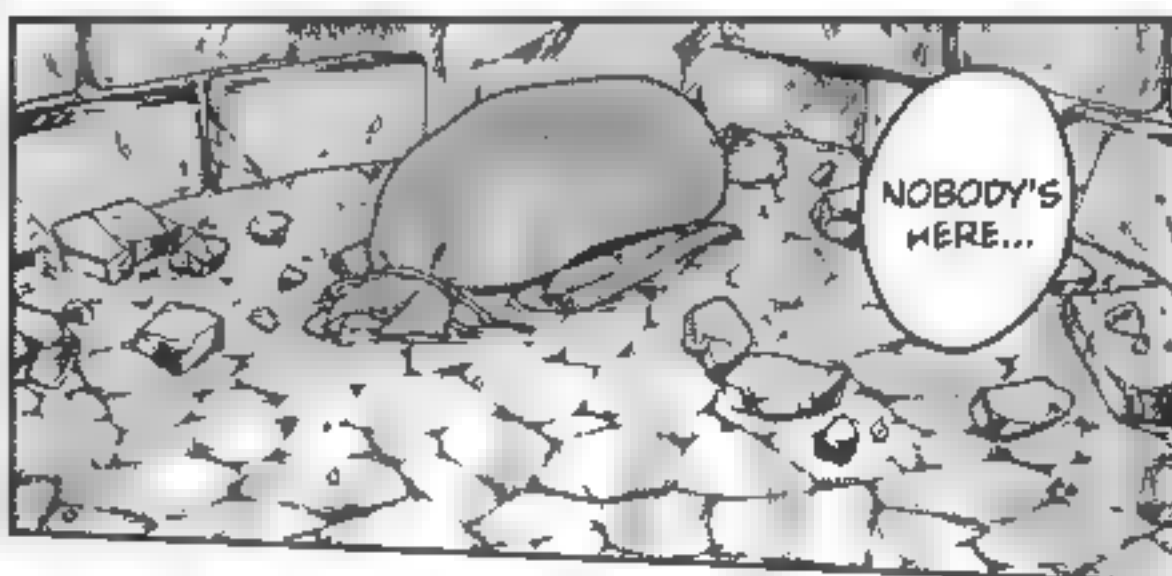


YAGHI

GARAN
(CLATTER)



JNK
... SO
(SNEAK)



NOBODY'S
HERE...



MAR-
CILLE?

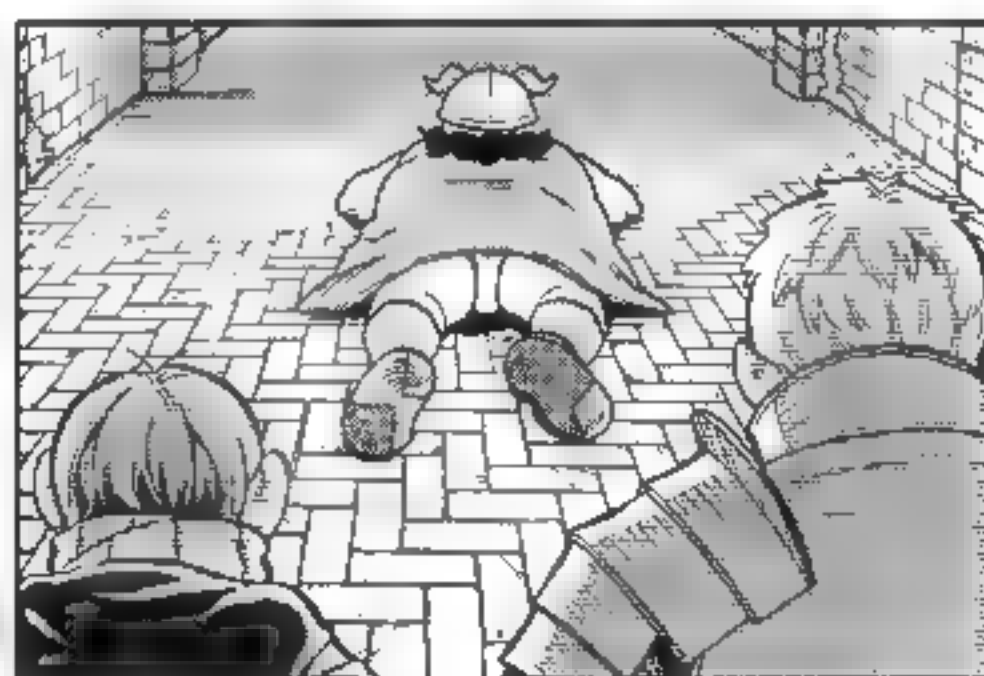


LET'S
HAVE A NICE,
PEACEFUL
CHAT, SHALL
WE?

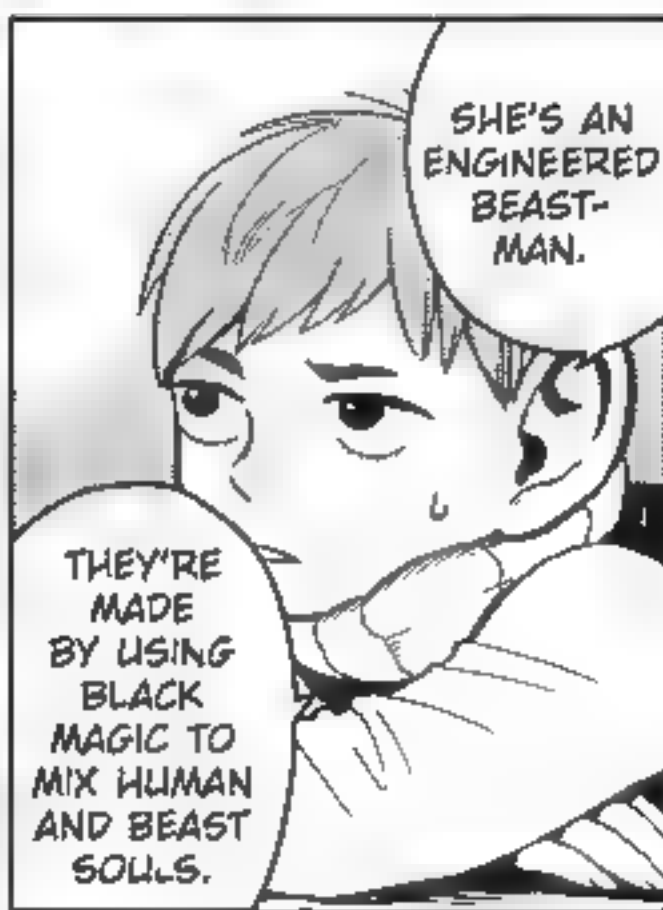
DROP YOUR
WEAPONS
AND FREEZE.

41. HAG

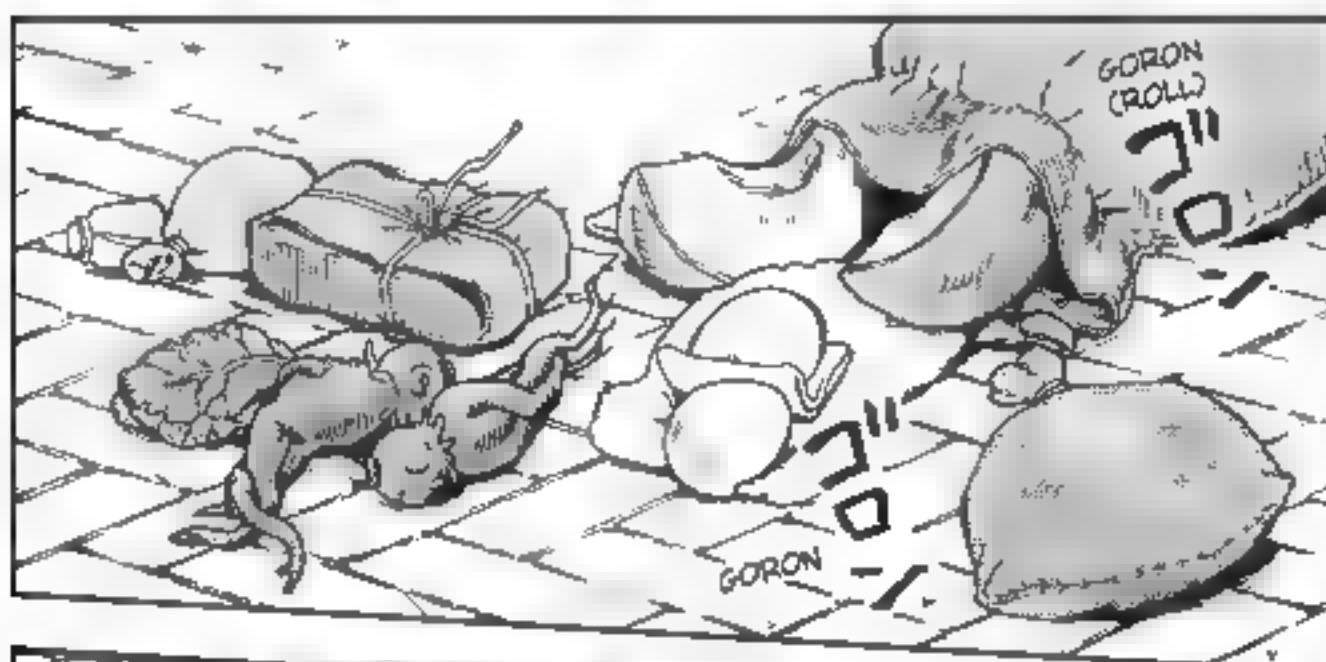




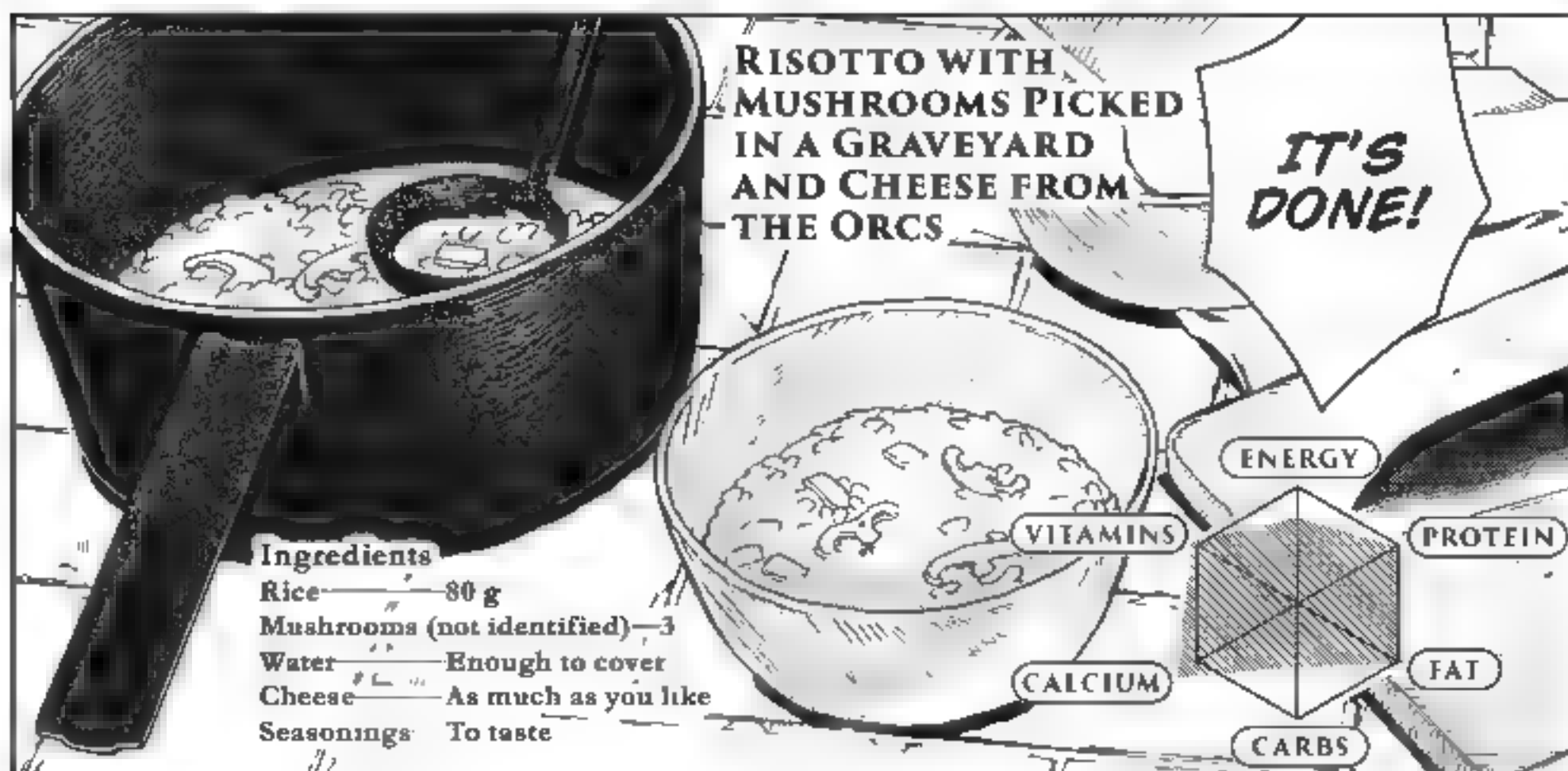
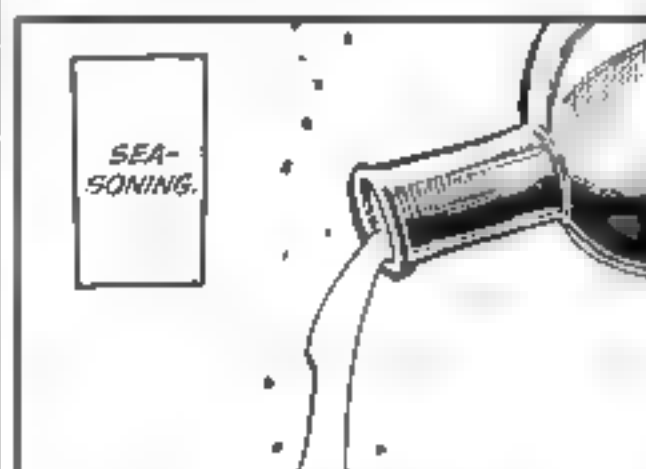
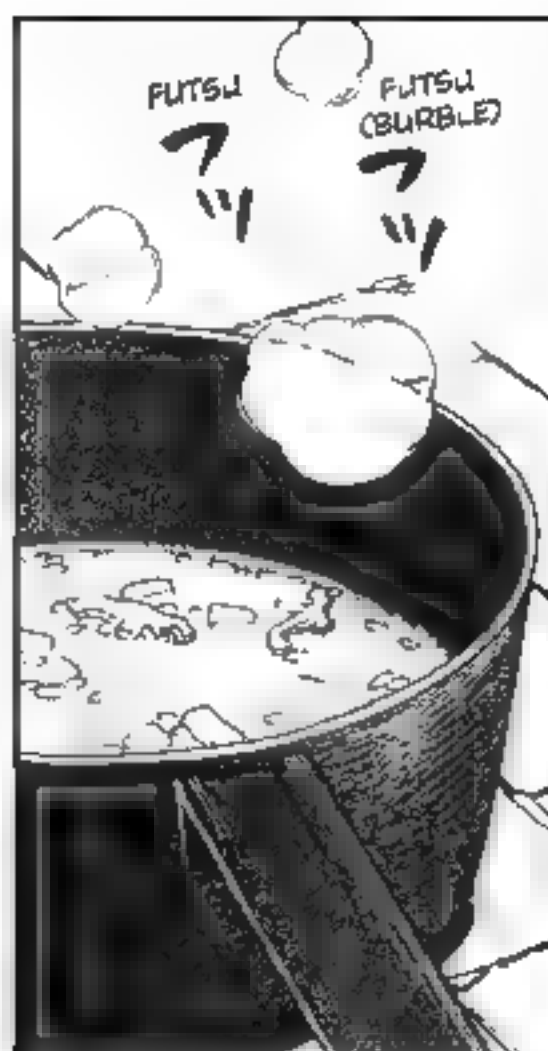




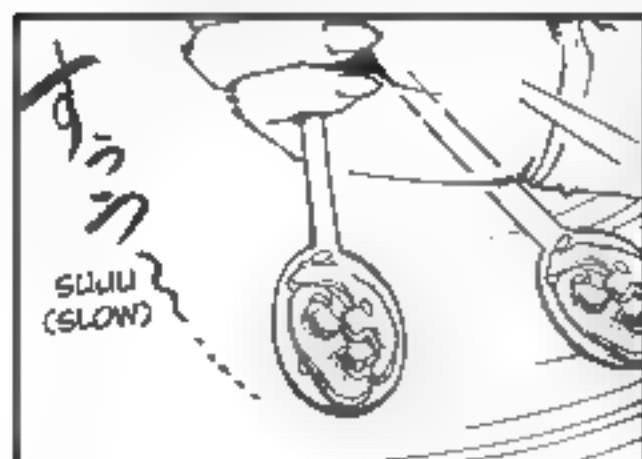








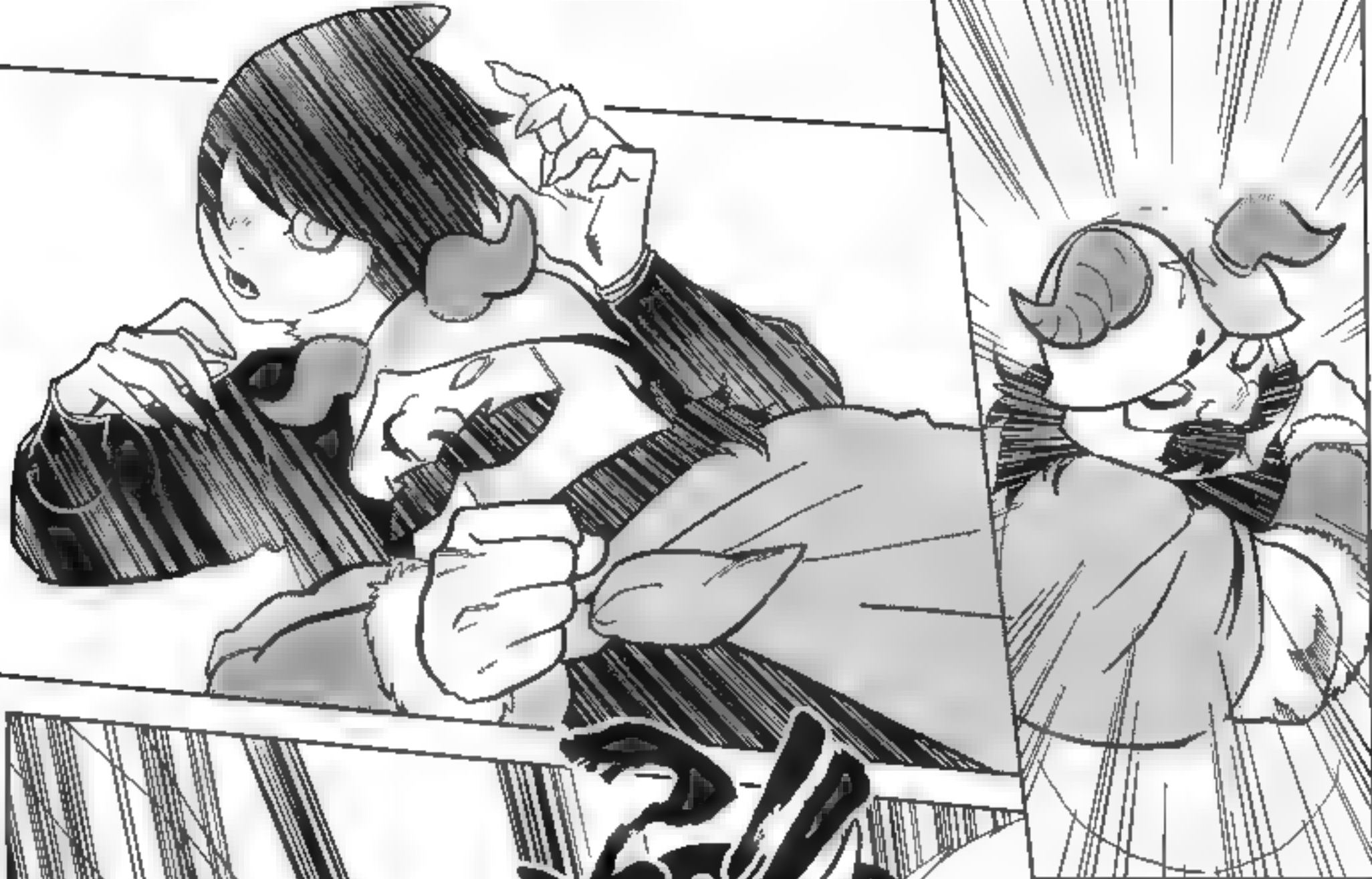


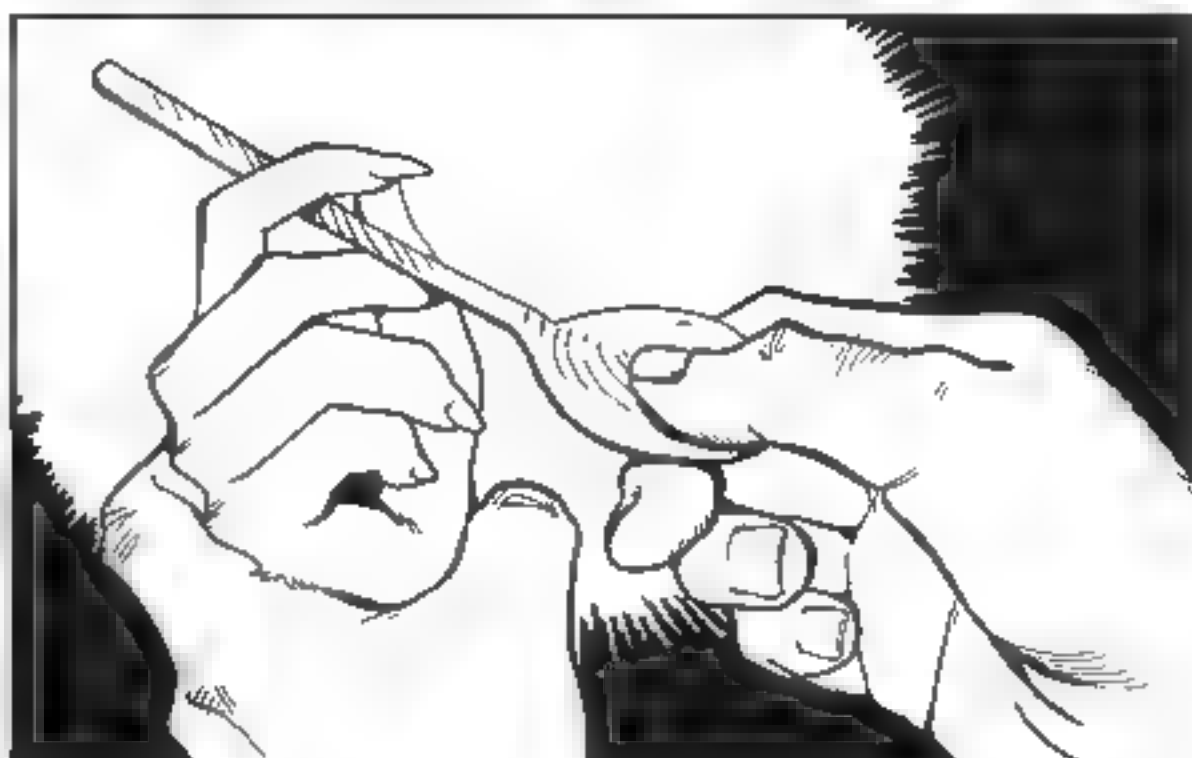






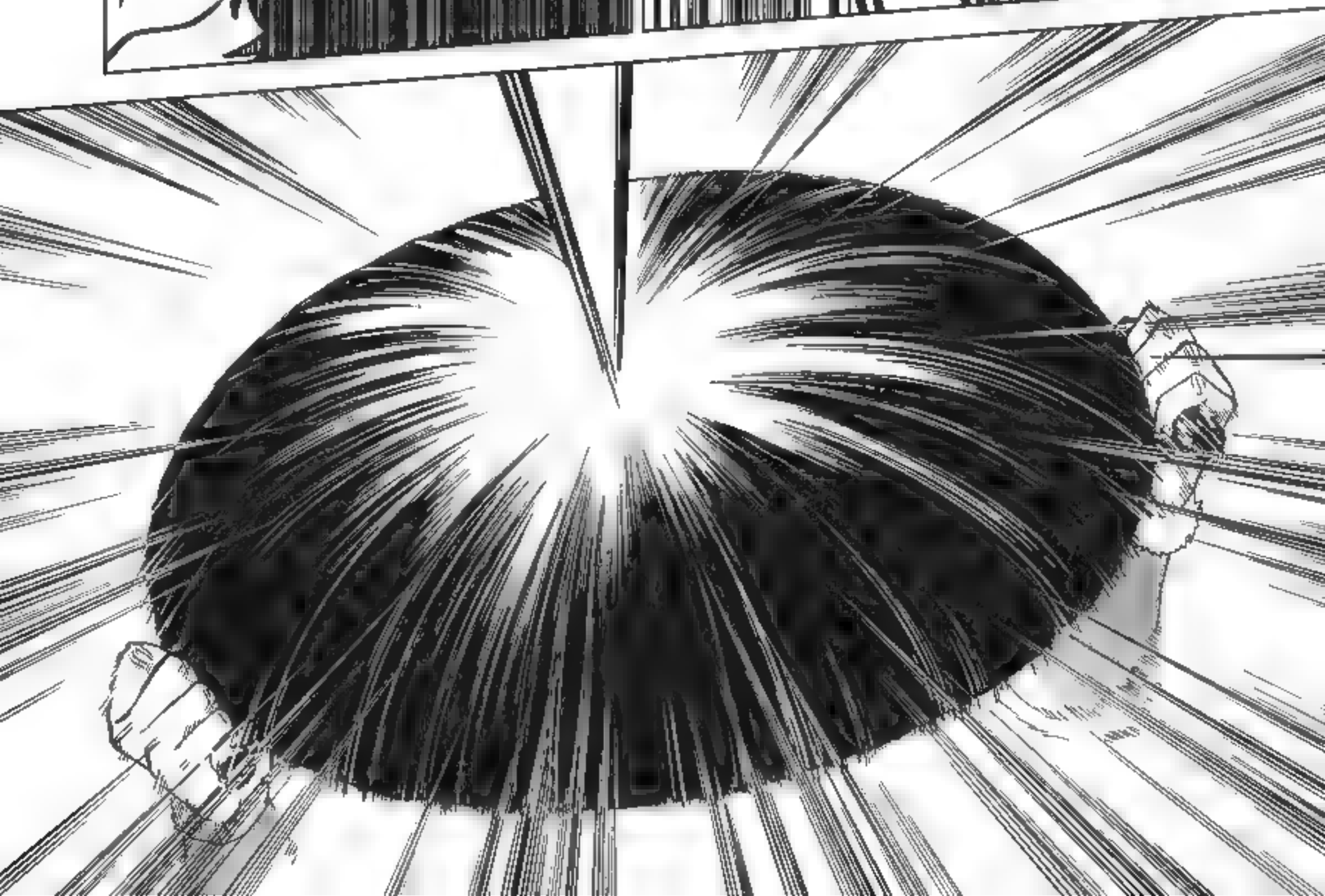


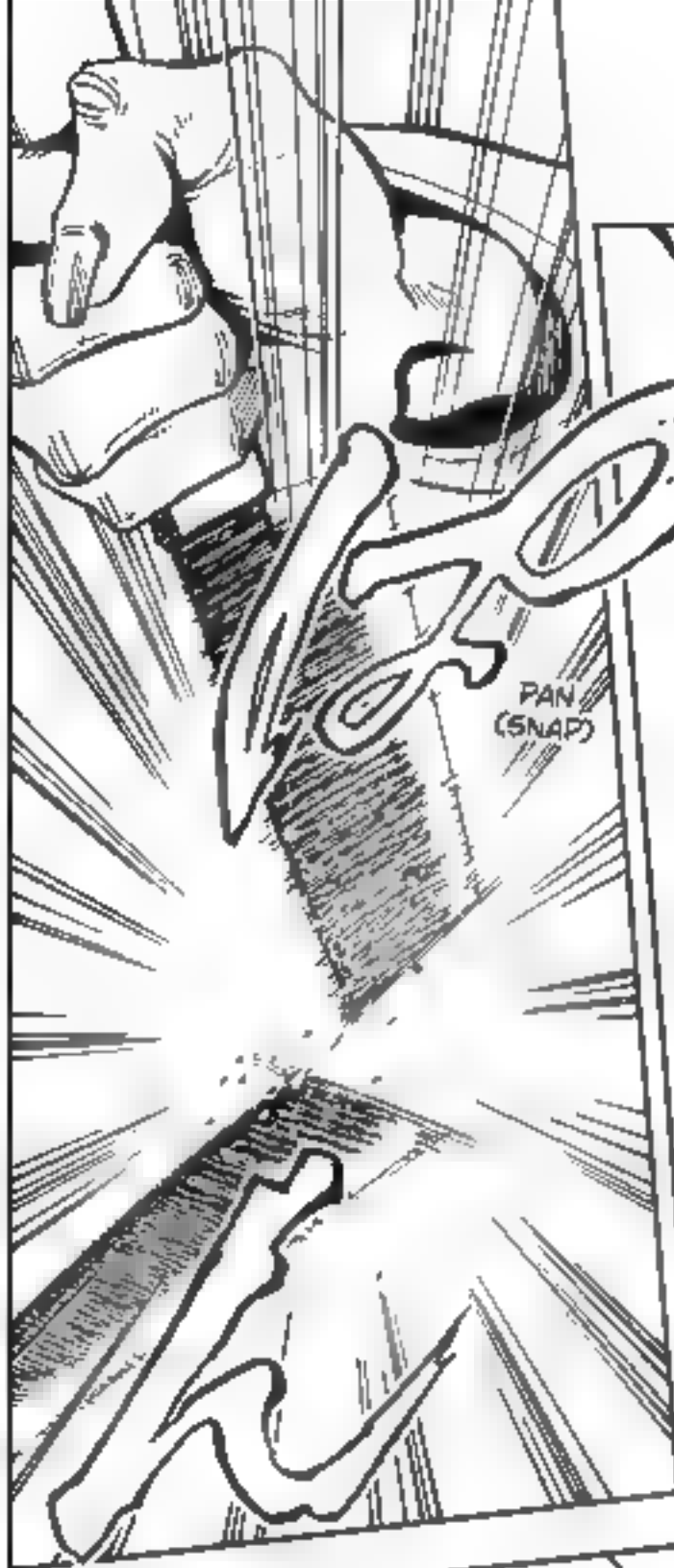






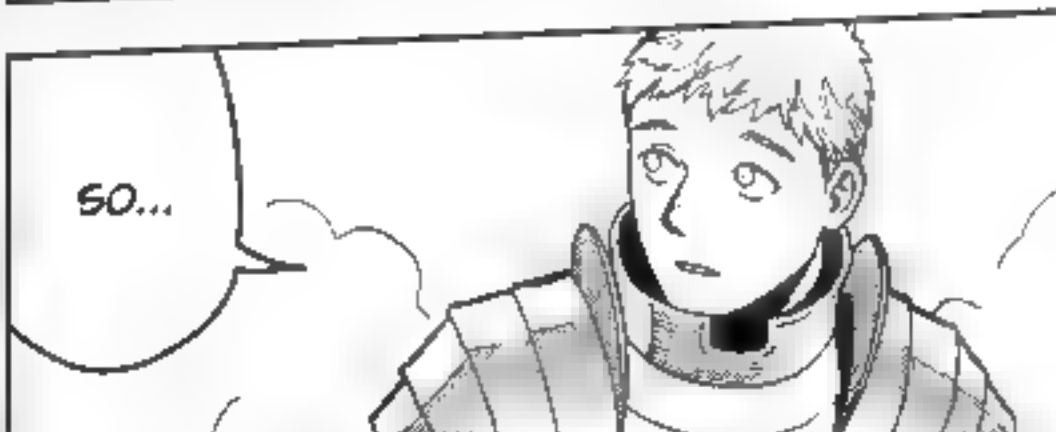
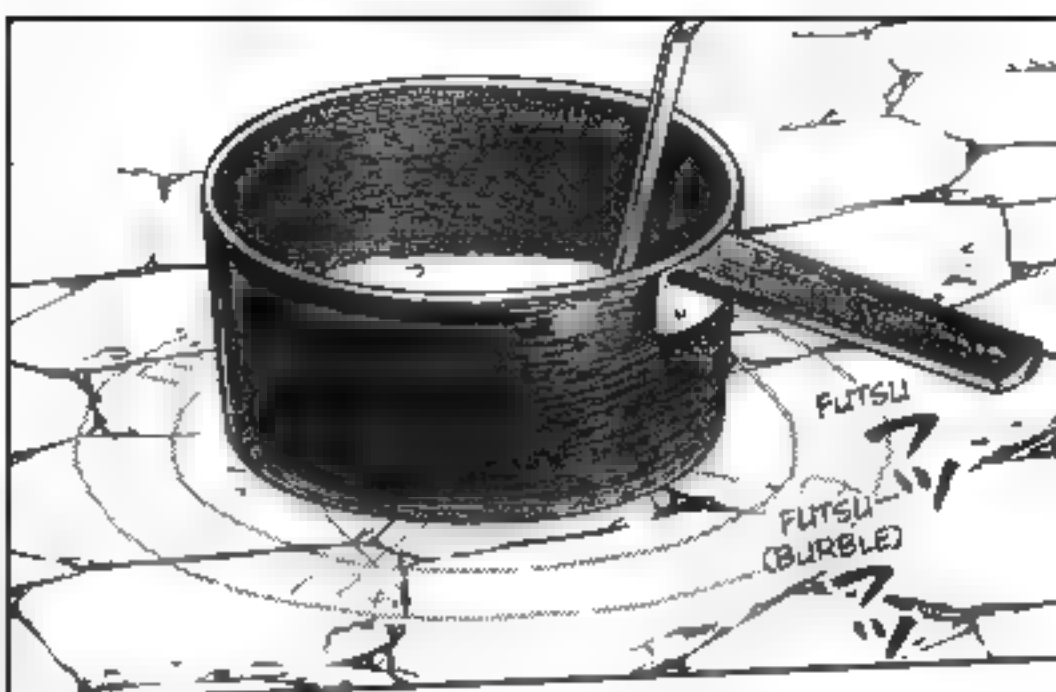


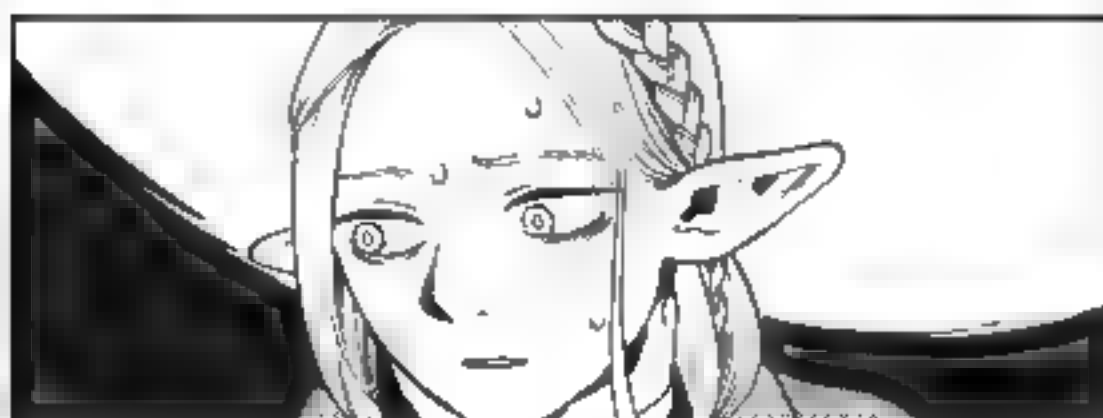
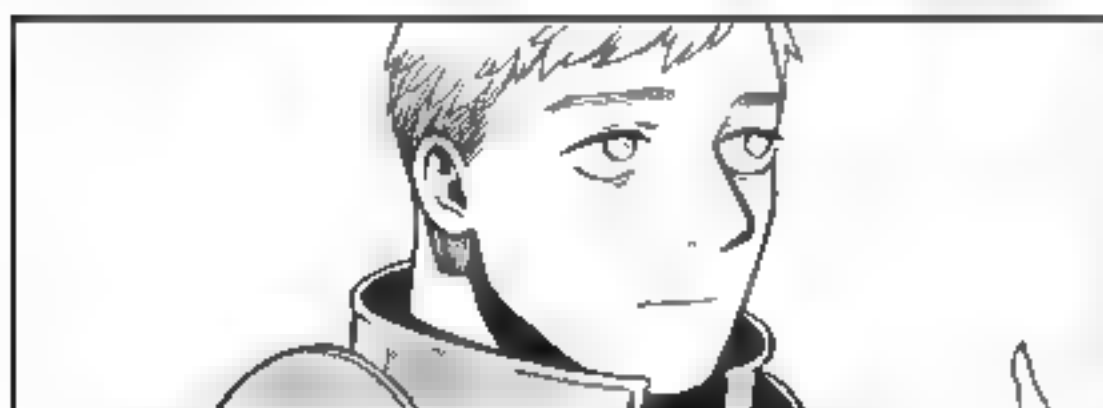














HUH?



I'M SORRY.

THAT'S...

...NOT
SOMETHING
I CAN DO
ANYTHING
ABOUT.



...SO EVEN
IF THE
BODY IS
DAMAGED,
THE SOUL
WON'T
LEAVE.

A SPELL IN
THIS DUNGEON
CREATES
A THICK
MEMBRANE
INSIDE THE
SHELL...



IT'S
USUALLY
INSIDE THE
"SHELL" OF
A BODY,
BUT.

...WHEN
THE BODY
BREAKS,
IT COMES
OUT, AND IT
NEVER GOES
BACK TO
NORMAL.



THERE'S
STILL A LOT
WE DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THE SOUL,
BUT...

...THEY
OFTEN
SAY IT'S
LIKE AN
EGG.



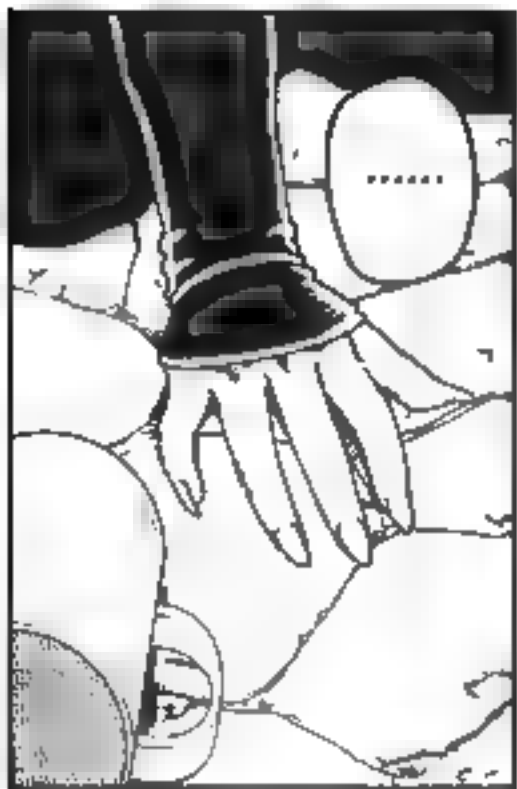
ONCE
MIXED
TOGETH-
ER...

...SOULS
NEVER
GO BACK
TO THE
WAY THEY
WERE.



RIGHT
NOW,
YOU AND
FALIN...

...HAVE
TWO
SETS OF
"CONTENTS"
IN ONE
SHELL.







...BUT WHY NOT THINK OF THIS POSITIVELY, AS THE HAND OF FATE AT WORK?

IT MAY NOT BE QUITE WHAT YOU HOPED FOR...



HERE.



...WE MAY LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT SEPARATING SOULS.

IF WE ASK...

THE LORD OF THE DUNGEON IS FAR BETTER WITH ANCIENT MAGIC THAN I AM.



THEN...?

THAT'S JUST WHAT I GO BY.

FWOO!
HWOO!

IZU-TSUMI.



WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS? ASEBI?

EITHER WAY, YOU CAN'T GET BACK TO THE SURFACE ON YOUR OWN, RIGHT?



...WHAT?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE RECRUITING ME.

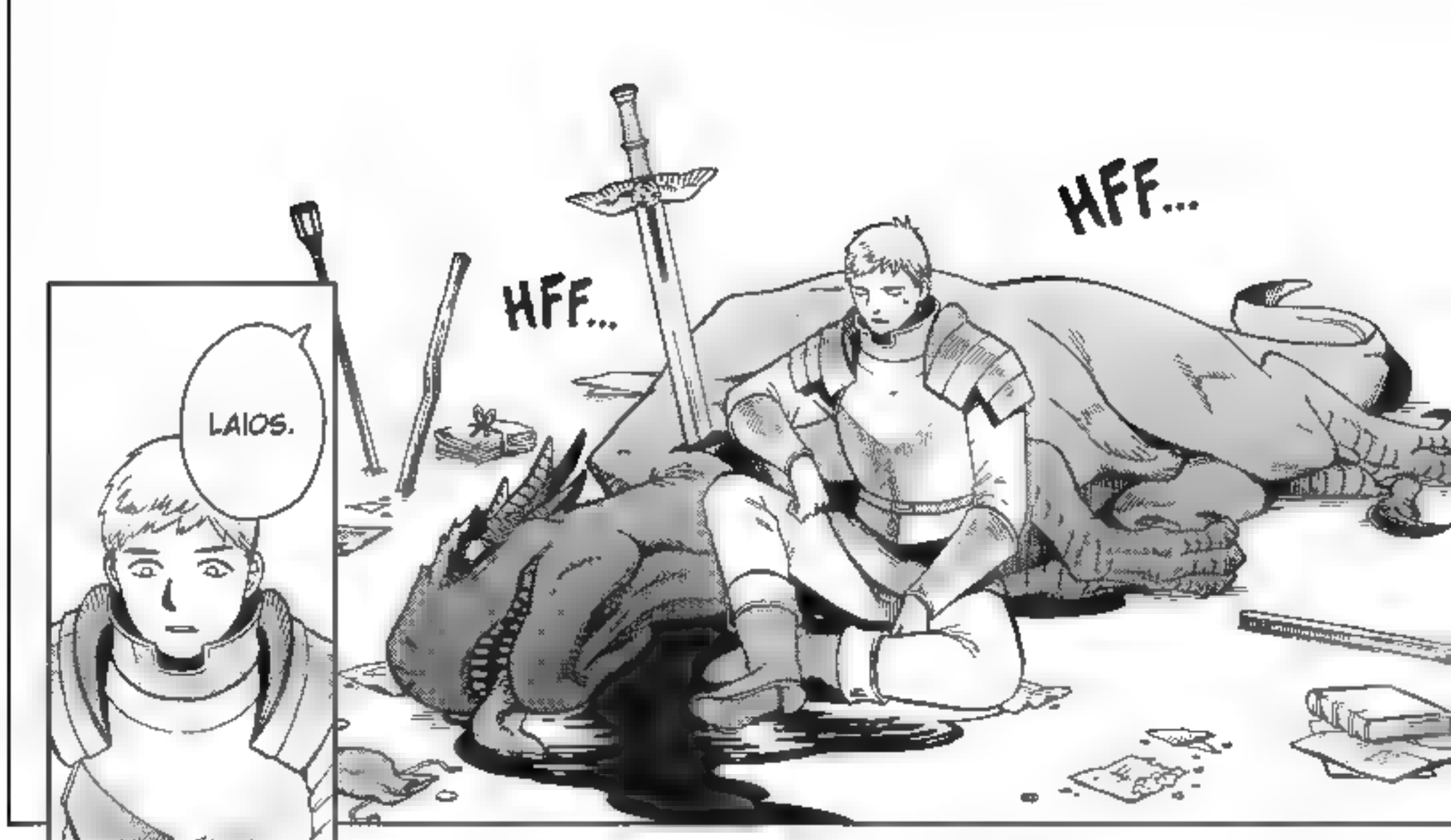


DON'T FORGET IT.

MY NAME'S IZUTSUMI.



41. NIGHTMARE





YOU DON'T HAVE AN EYE FOR PEOPLE, SEE.



YOUR FRIENDS WILL TRICK YOU AND TAKE ALL THE CREDIT AGAIN, JUST LIKE BEFORE.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE A GOLD-PEELER?



YOU'VE GOT NO TALENT FOR EXPLORING THE DUNGEON EITHER.



DROP IT ALREADY !!

WE ALREADY TALKED THAT OUT!!



IT WAS THE SAME WITH ME.

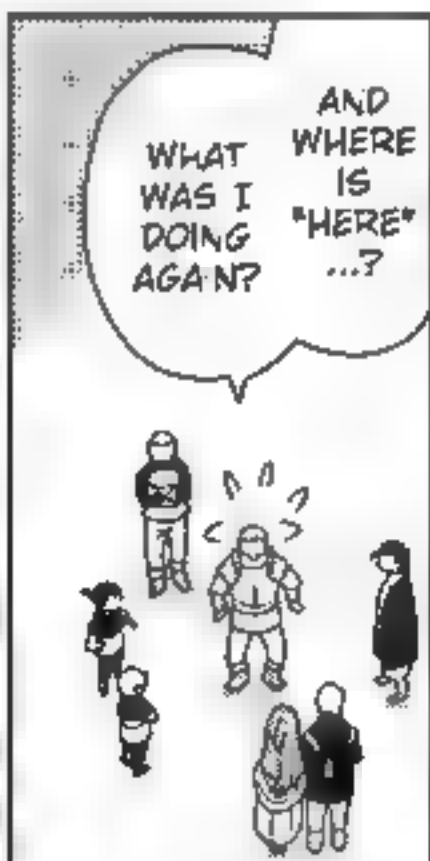


YOU THOUGHT I WAS YOUR GOOD FRIEND...

...BUT I NEVER LIKED YOU MUCH—



I'M PRETTY SURE I WAS...



WHAT WAS I DOING AGAIN? AND WHERE IS "HERE" ...?

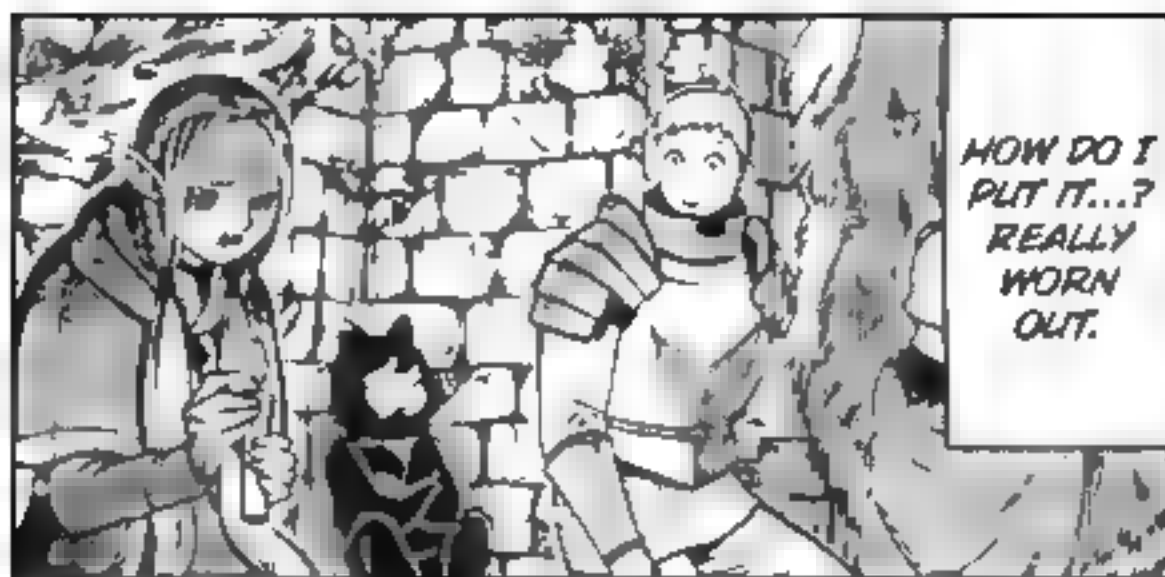


WHY ARE MY PARENTS HERE?

I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM IN OVER A DECADE.



NO...
HANG ON.



HOW DO I
PUT IT...?
REALLY
WORN
OUT.



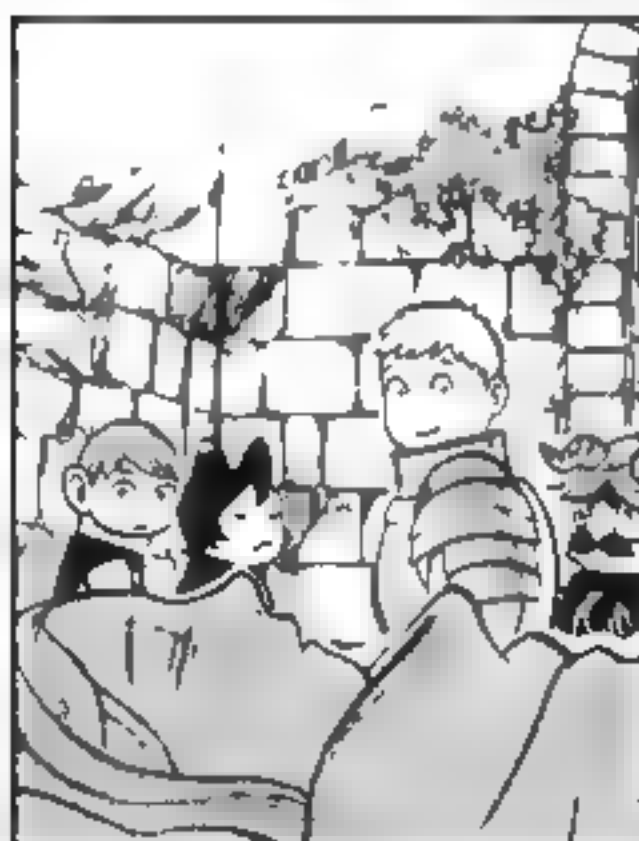
HUH?
WHY?

IT'S
FINE.
I DON'T
NEED
TO.

MARCILLE,
WE'LL
HANDLE
THE GUARD
SHIFTS
TONIGHT.
YOU REST.



LATELY,
MAR-
CILLE'S
LOOKED...



I CAN'T
BE THE
ONLY
ONE TO
RIGHT
AWAY

I'LL
WAKE
UP~
YOU
HEAR
ME?

I'M NOT
THAT
TIRED.



COME
ON.
COME
ON.

COME ON,
NONE OF
THAT.

EXCUSE
ME?
SERIOUSLY,
WHAT!?



THIS IS
SERIOUS.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?
MARCILLE!



UH-
HUH.

A MON-
STER?



BUT BEFORE
LONG, HER
PEACEFUL
BREATHING
BECAME
DISTURBED
GROANS.

HEFF!
HAFF!



IF YOU STAY TRAPPED IN A NIGHTMARE, YOU'LL GROW WEAK AND DIE.

MONSTERS THAT POSSESS HUMANS WHILE THEY SLEEP, GIVE THEM BAD DREAMS, AND FEED ON THEIR EMOTIONS.

NIGHT-MARES.



LET'S TRY THAT METHOD.



SHURO GOT POSSESSED ONCE. HOW DID WE..?

FALIN WENT INTO HIS DREAM AND SAVED HIM.



IF YOU'RE EMOTIONALLY DRAINED, IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO GET OUT OF THE NIGHTMARE.



WAKE UP, MARGILLE.

DON'T.

IF YOU WAKE HER BY FORCE, YOU'LL HURT HER SPIRIT.

PECHI (SMAK) PECHI



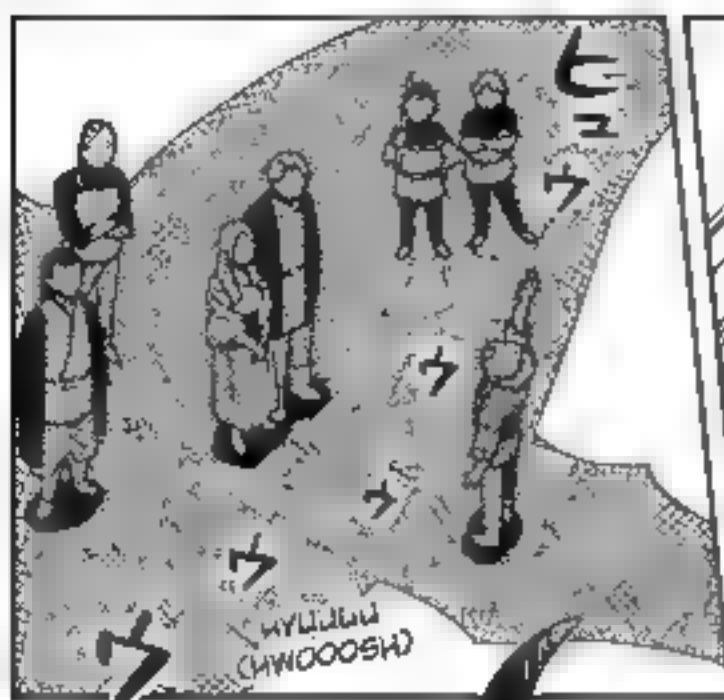
USE THE DREAMER AS A PILLOW, AND...

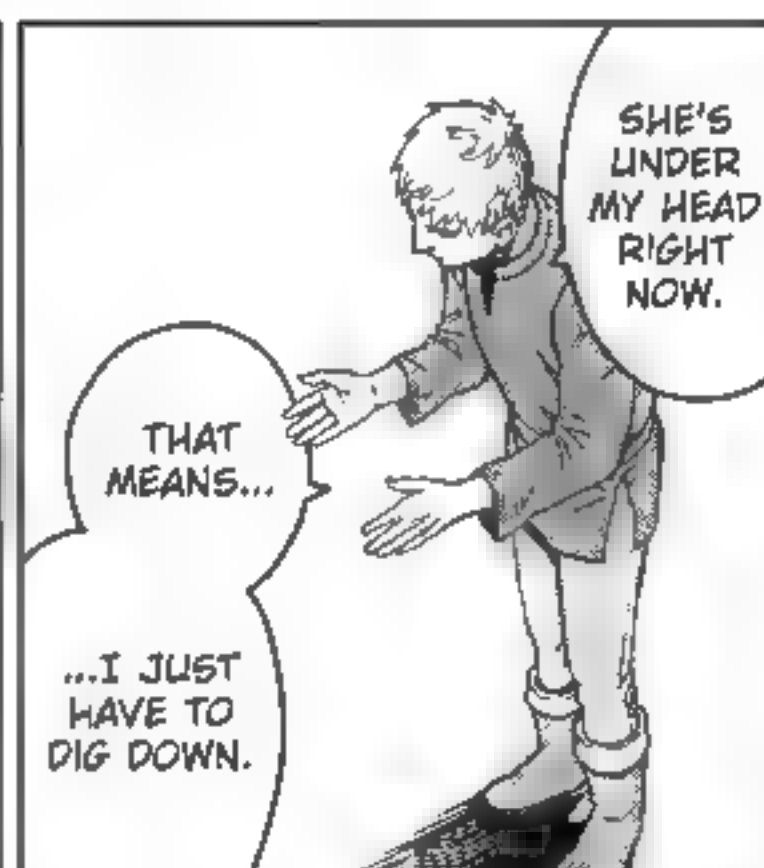
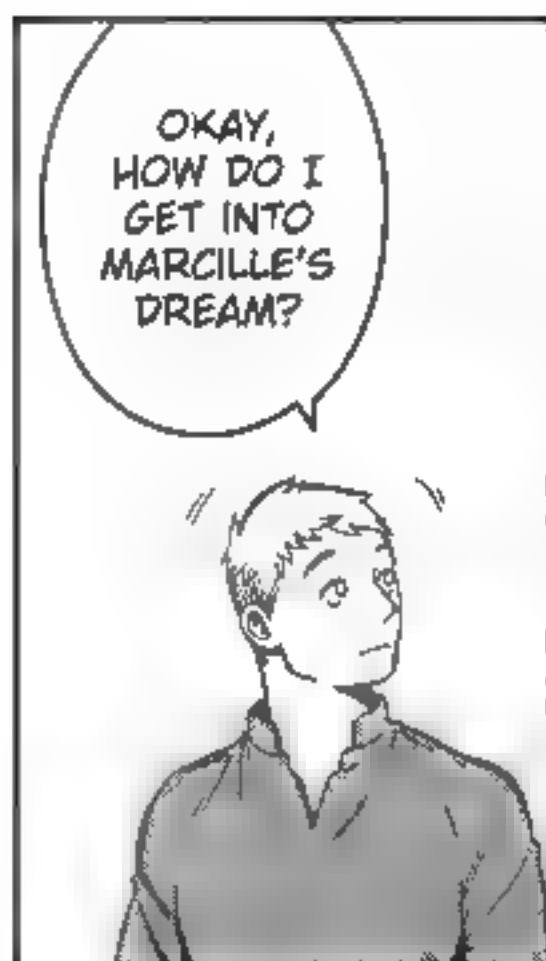


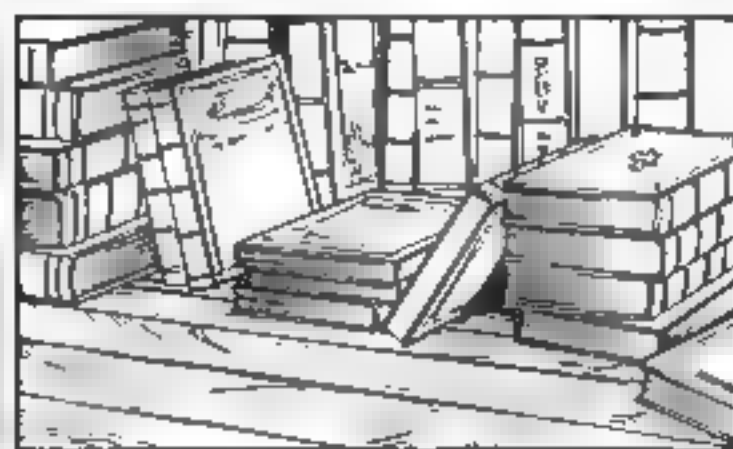
SOMEBODY HAS TO MAKE HER SEE THAT IT'S A DREAM.

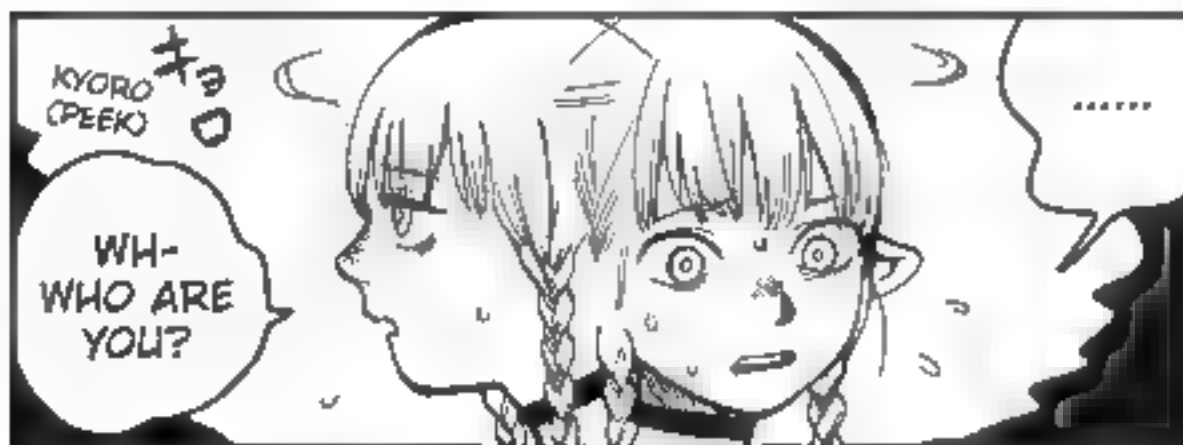
WON'T THAT JUST MAKE IT ANOTHER NIGHTMARE?

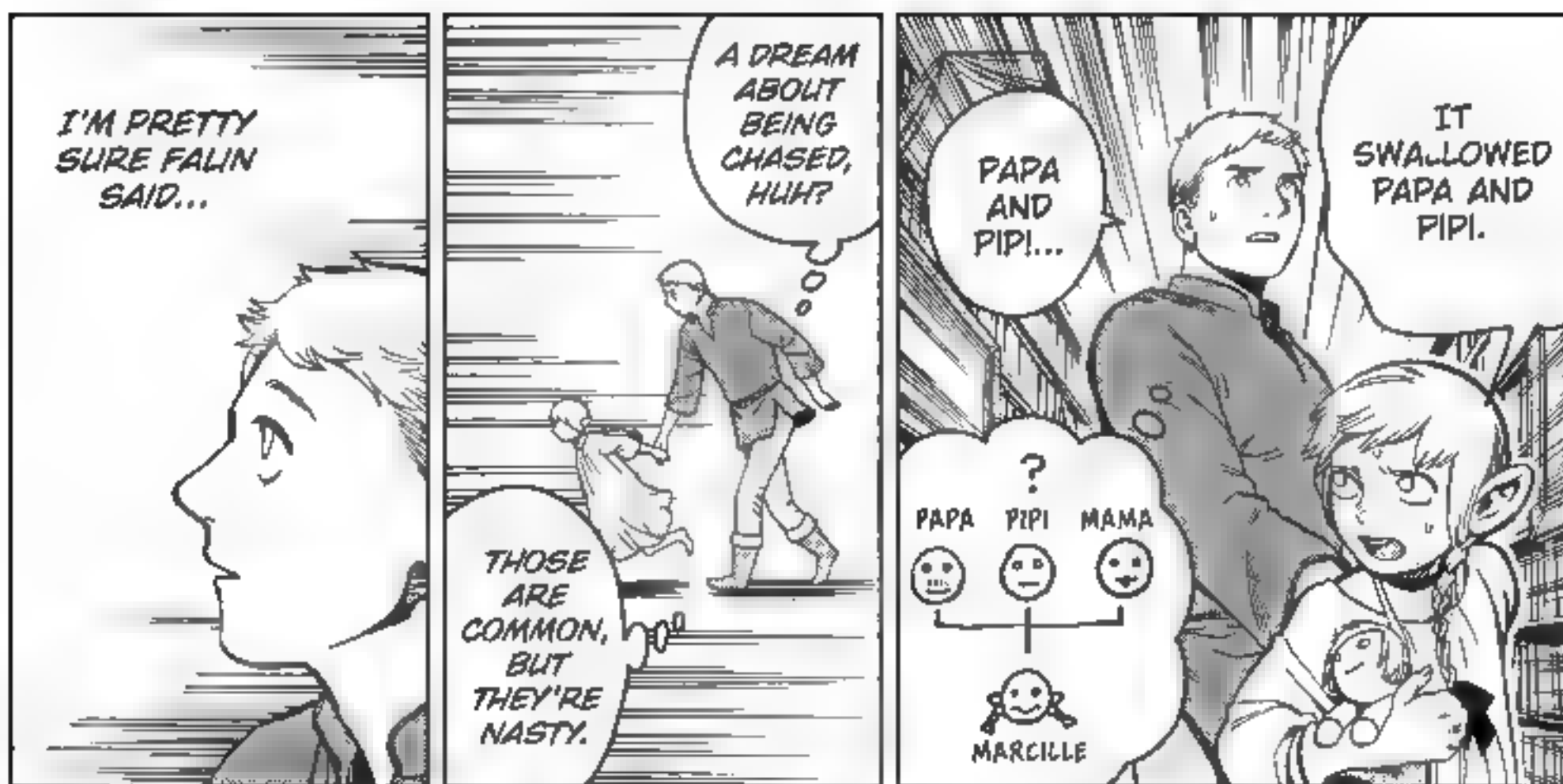
YOU'RE GOING INTO HER DREAM?

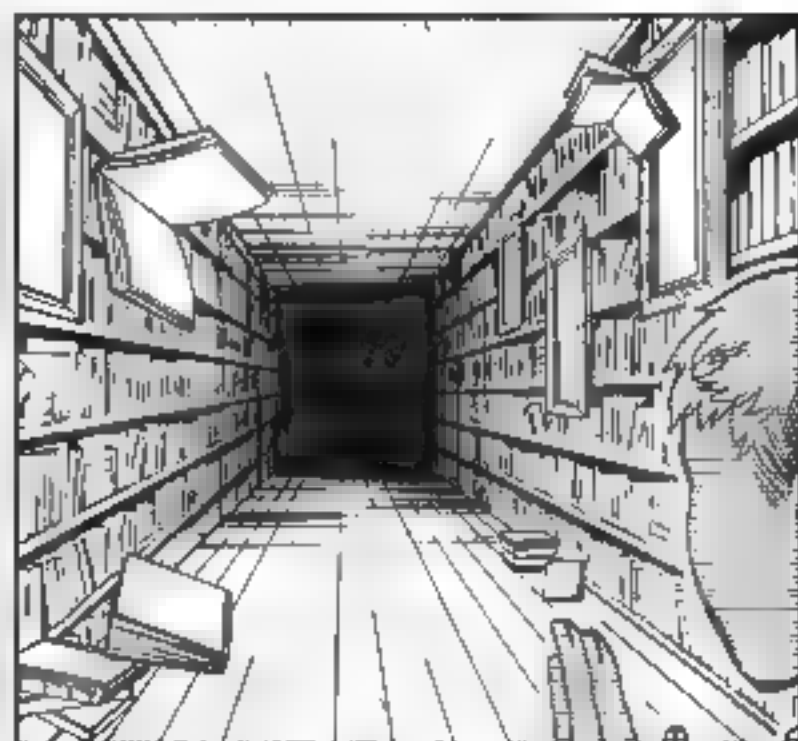


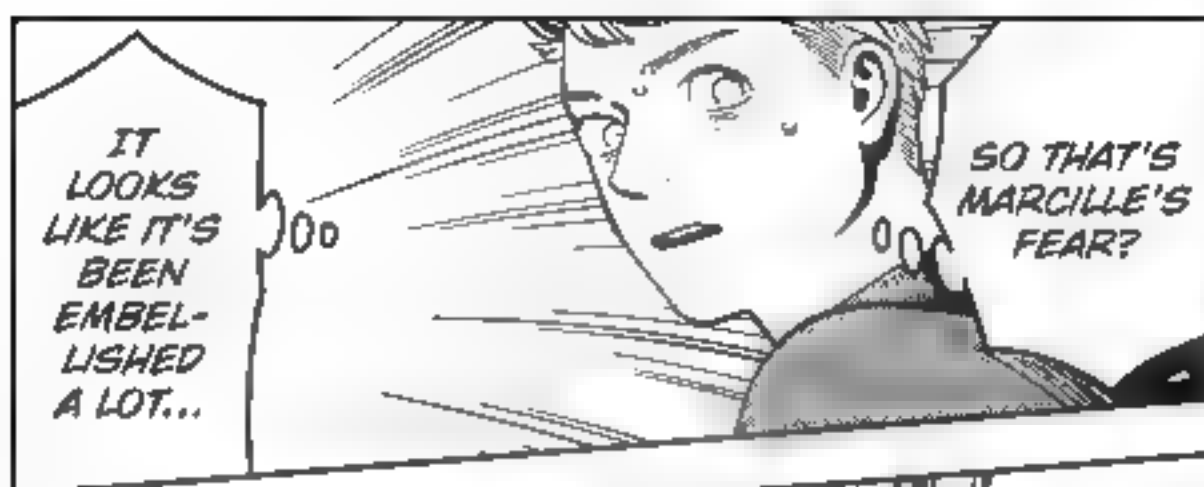


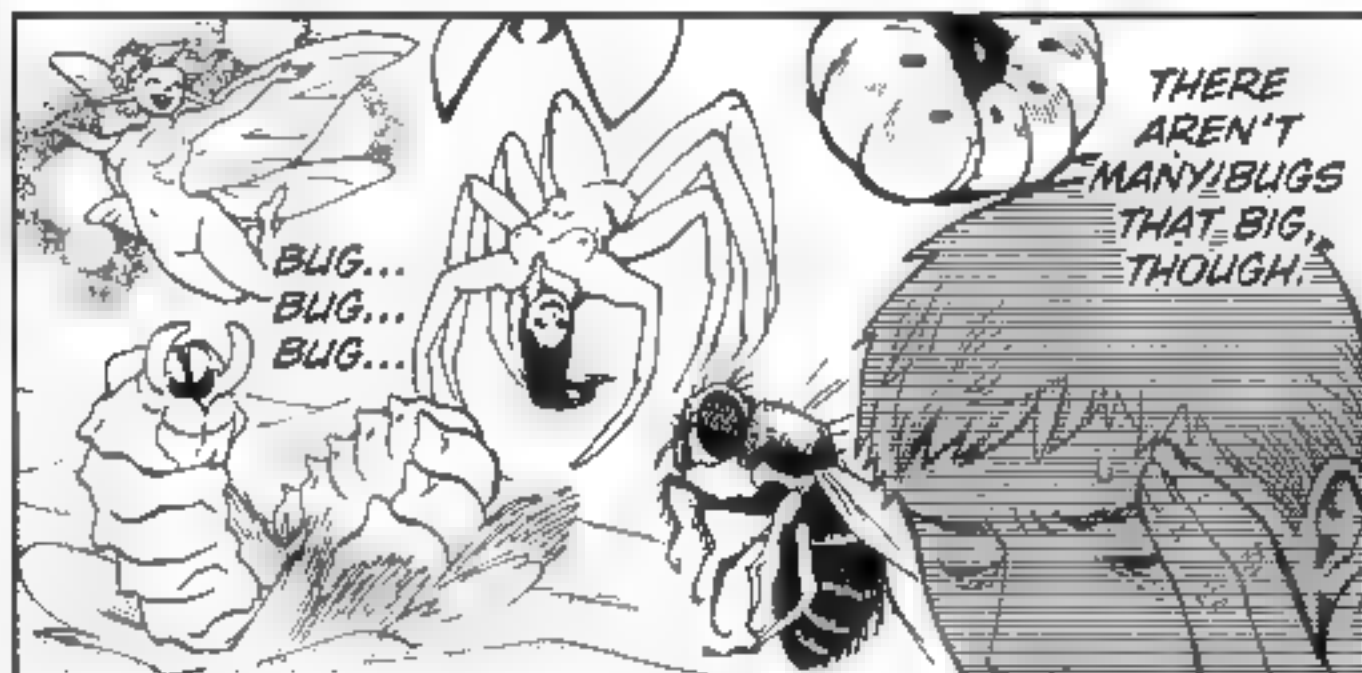


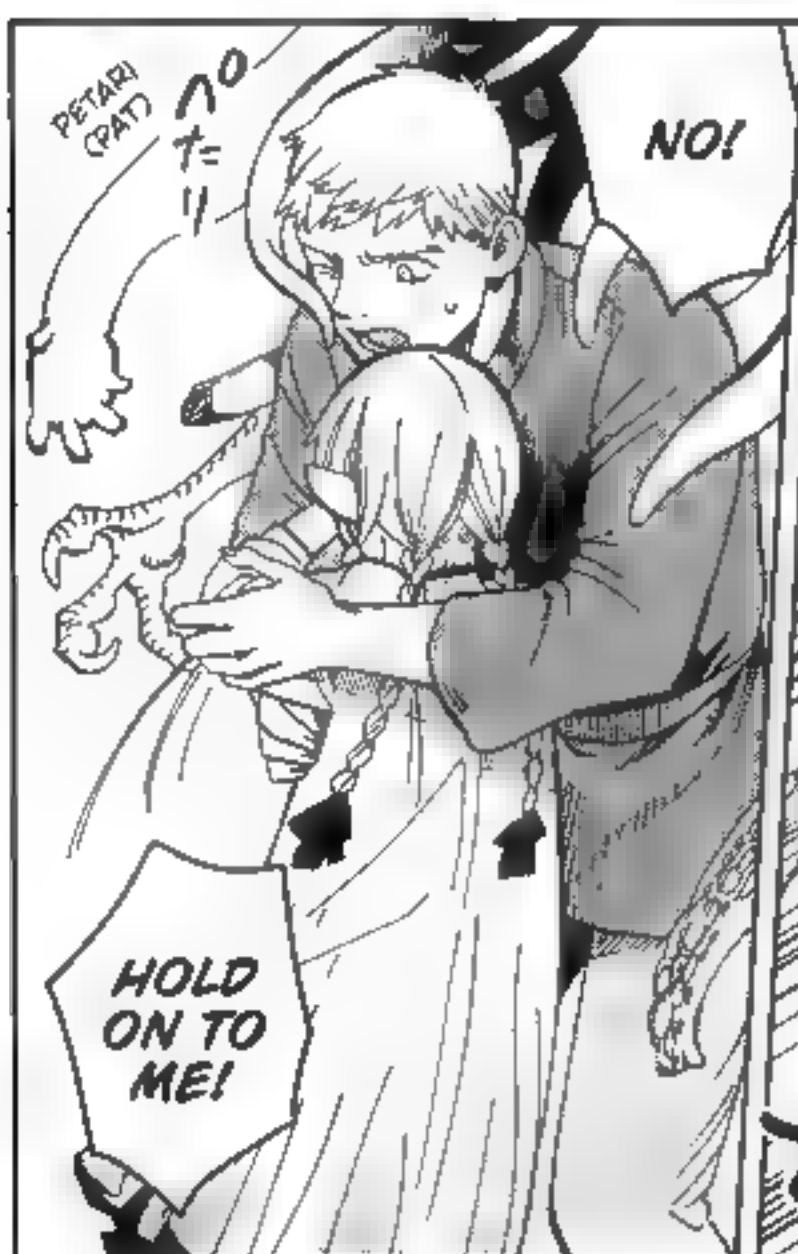


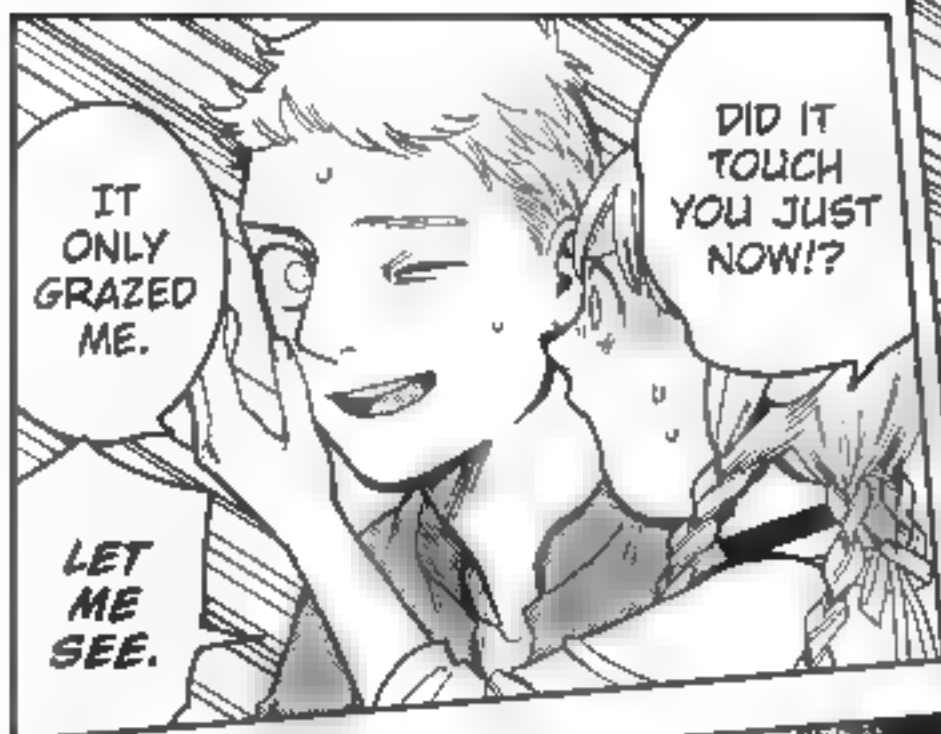




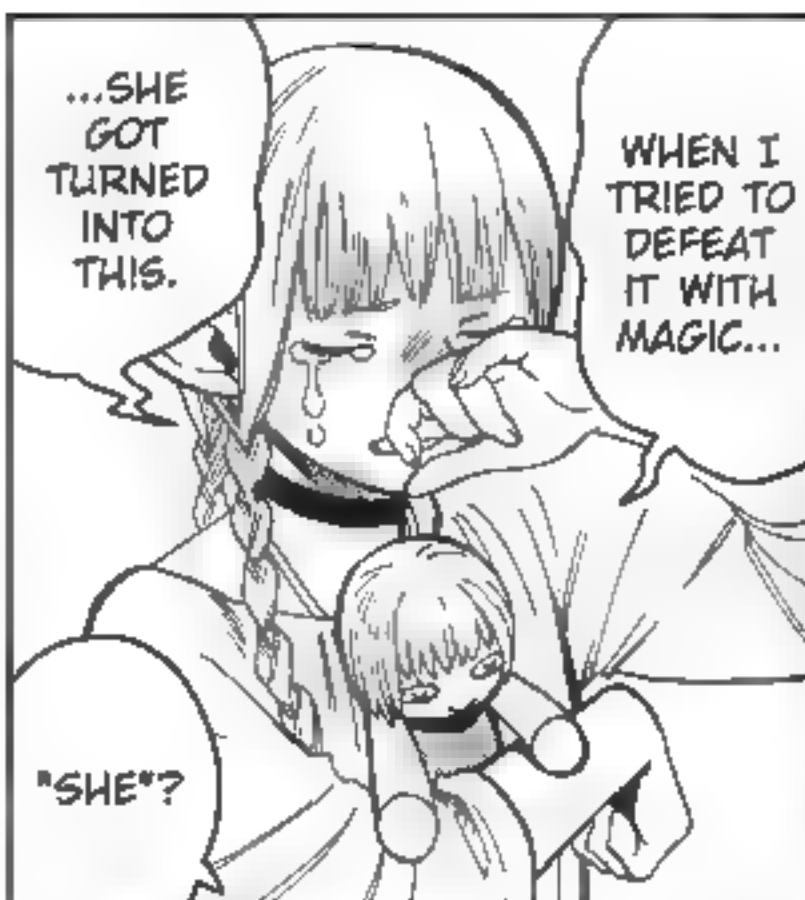
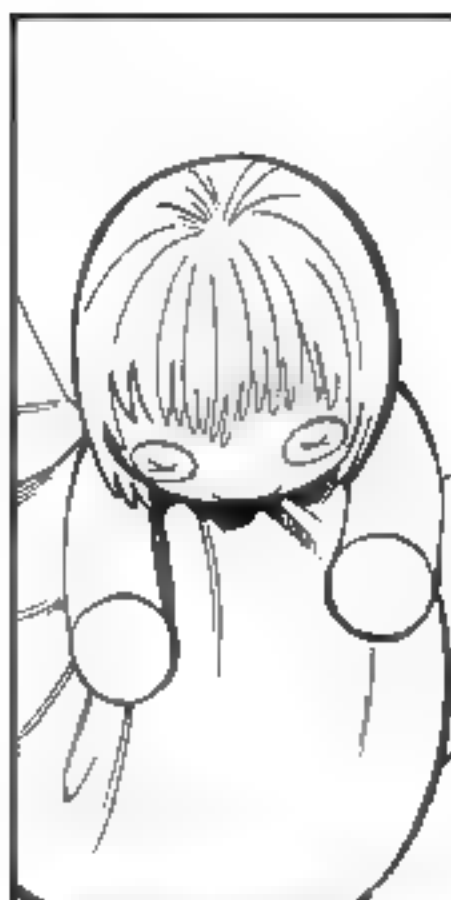






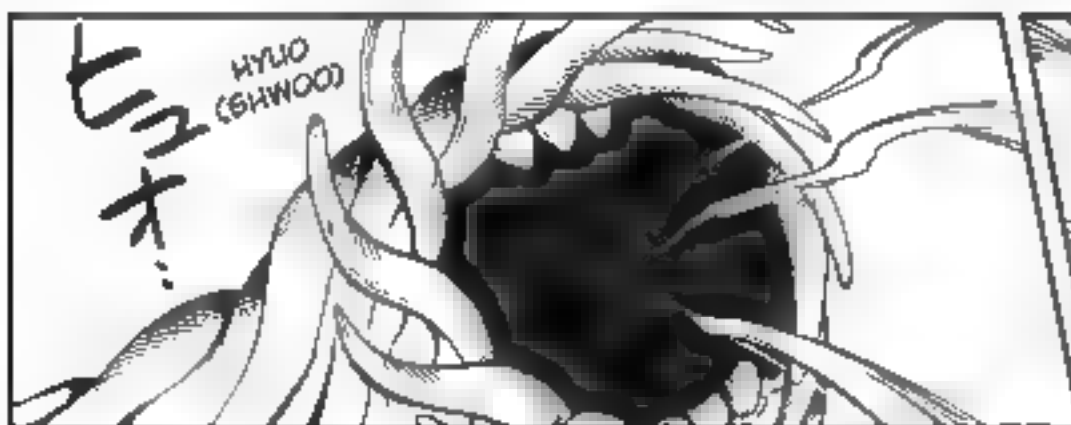






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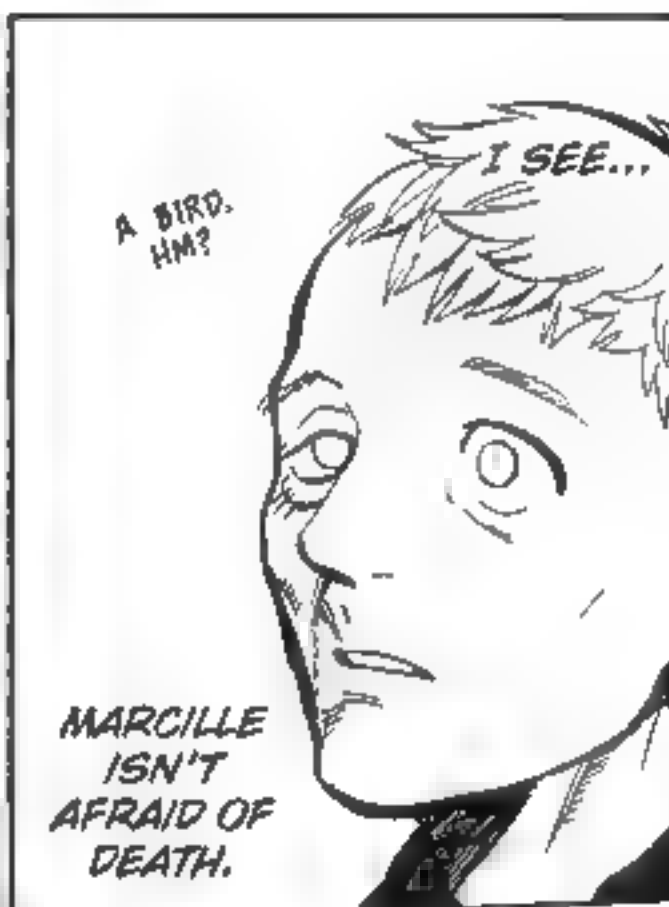








SHE'S
WORRIED THAT
THE PEOPLE
SHE'S CLOSE
TO WILL DIE
BEFORE SHE
DOES.



A BIRD,
HM?

I SEE...

MARCILLE
ISN'T
AFRAID OF
DEATH.



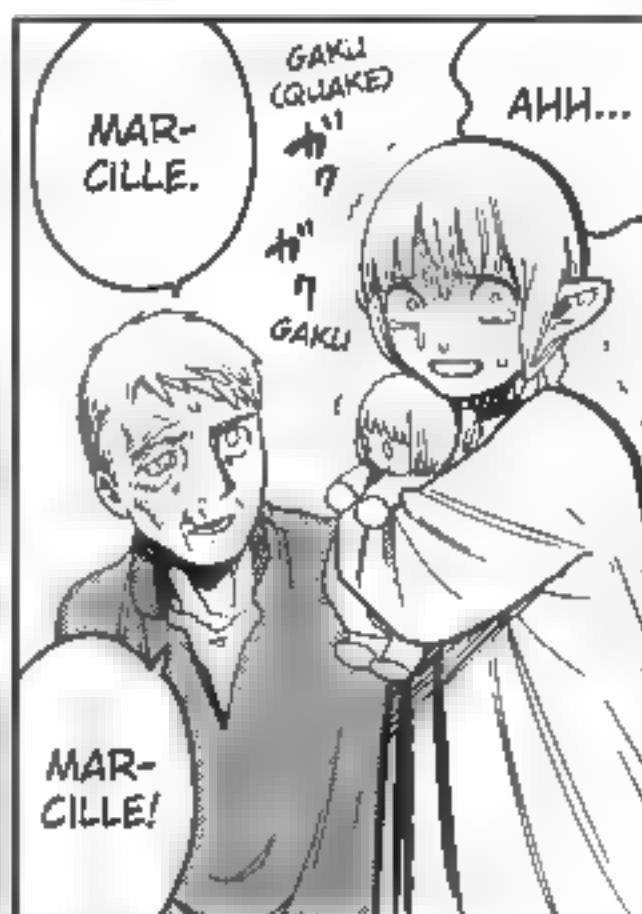
BUT
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO!?

I CAN'T
DO ANY-
THING!!



THE MORE
FRIGHTENED
YOU ARE, THE
STRONGER IT
GETS.

CALM
DOWN.



MAR-
CILLE.

MAR-
CILLE!

GAKU
(QUAKE)
GAKU

AHH...





I MEAN, LOOK AT ALL THESE BOOKS!

THERE WAS NOTHING IN MY DREAM.



BIKU (PLING)

BECAUSE YOU'RE AMAZING, MARCILLE!!

NO, YOU CAN!!



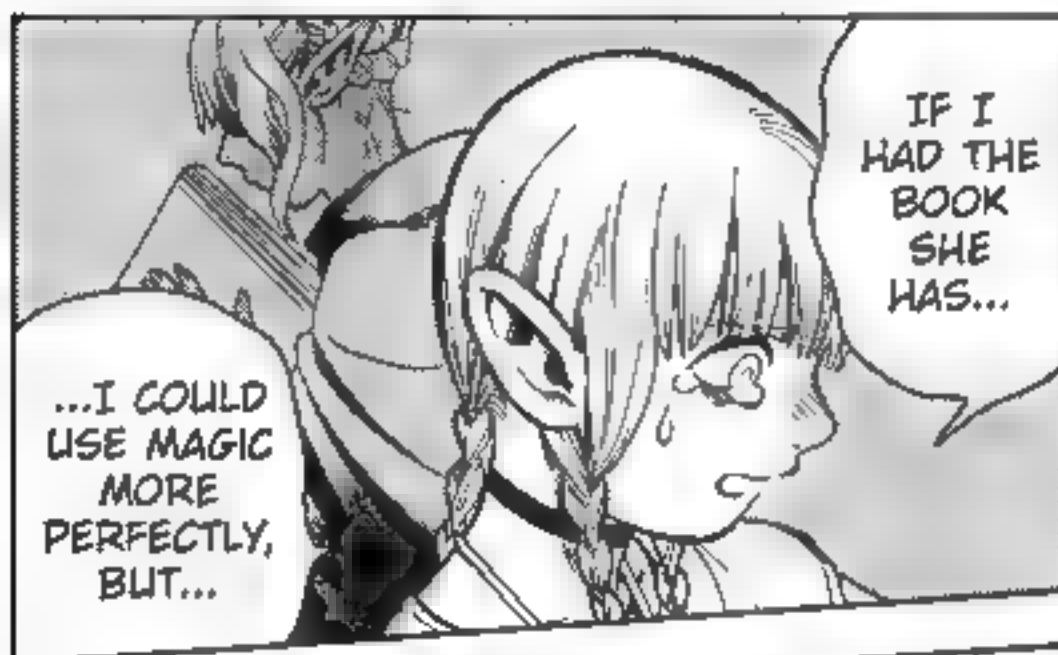
YOU CAN DO IT, MARCILLE!



DON'T GET DISCOURAGED. BE CONFIDENT!



YOU'VE WORKED HARD FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!



IF I HAD THE BOOK SHE HAS...

...I COULD USE MAGIC MORE PERFECTLY, BUT...



THEN WISH FOR THAT!



NO... GET UP!

LET'S RUN AWAY.

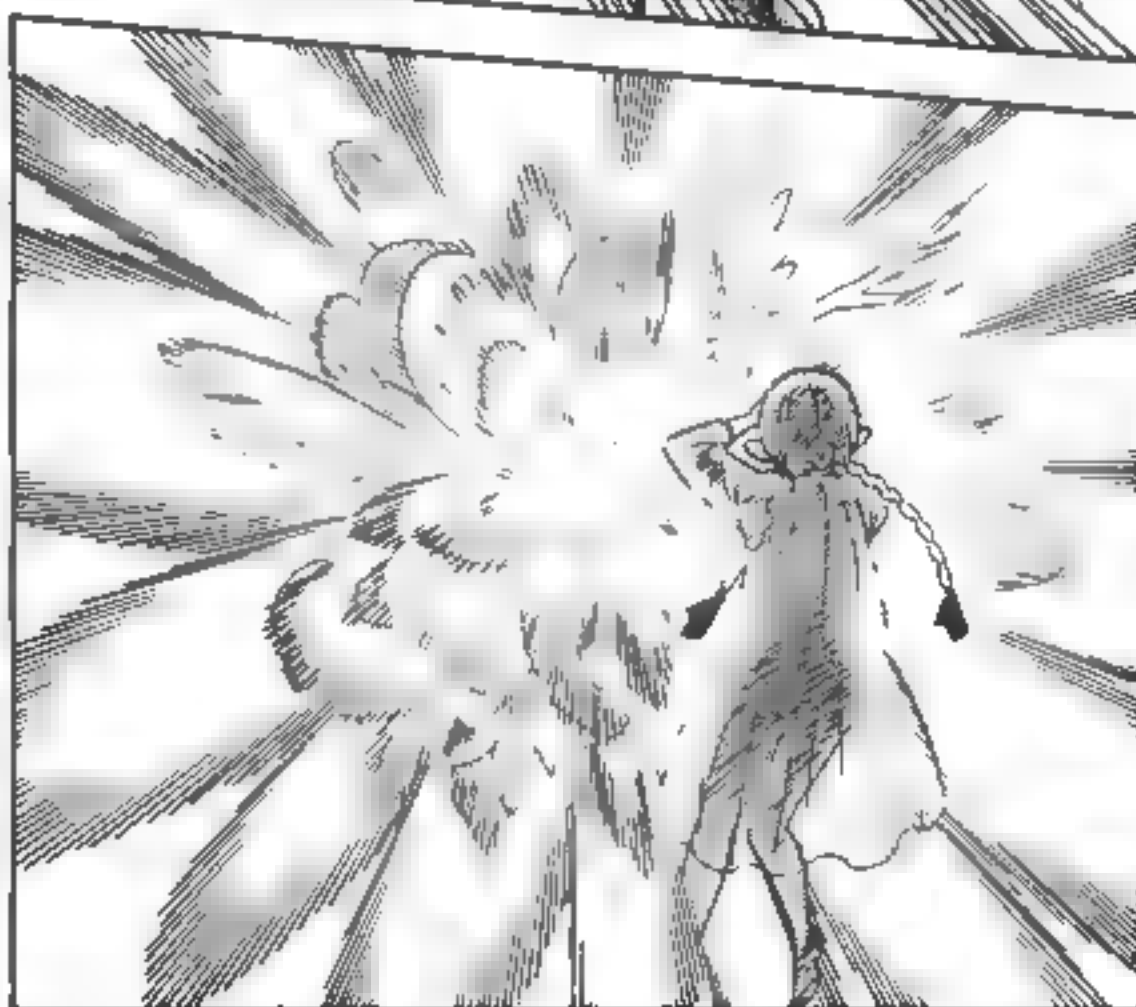
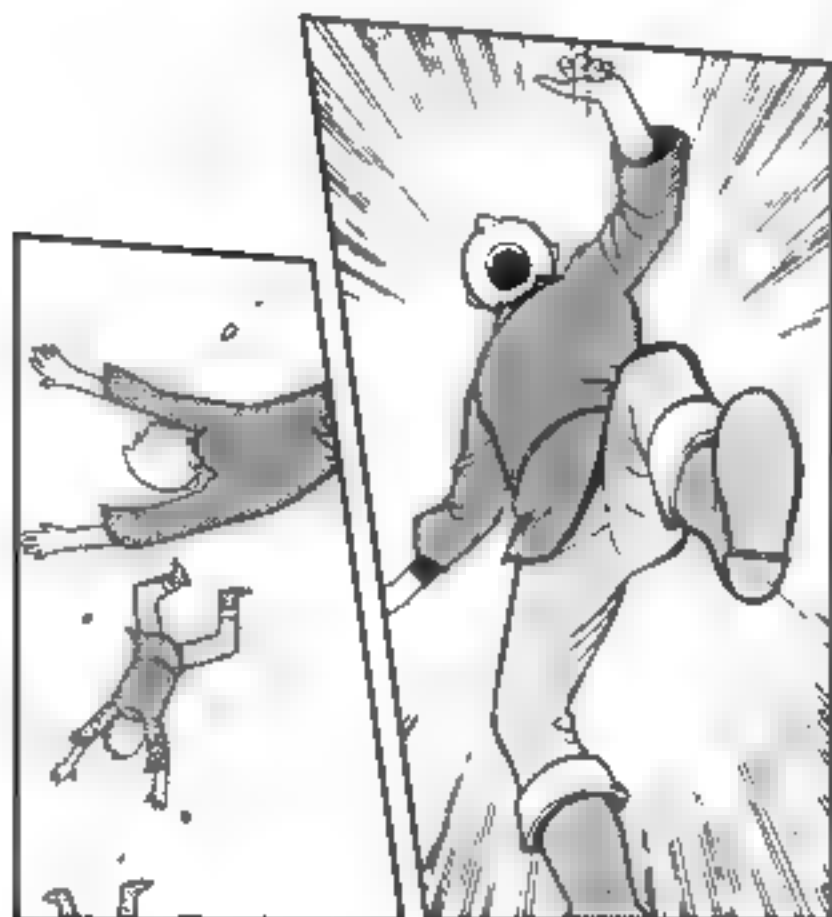
MY MAGIC ISN'T COMPLETE ANYWAY.

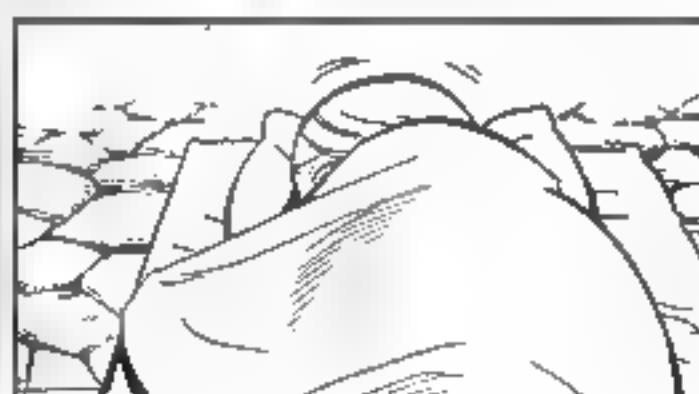
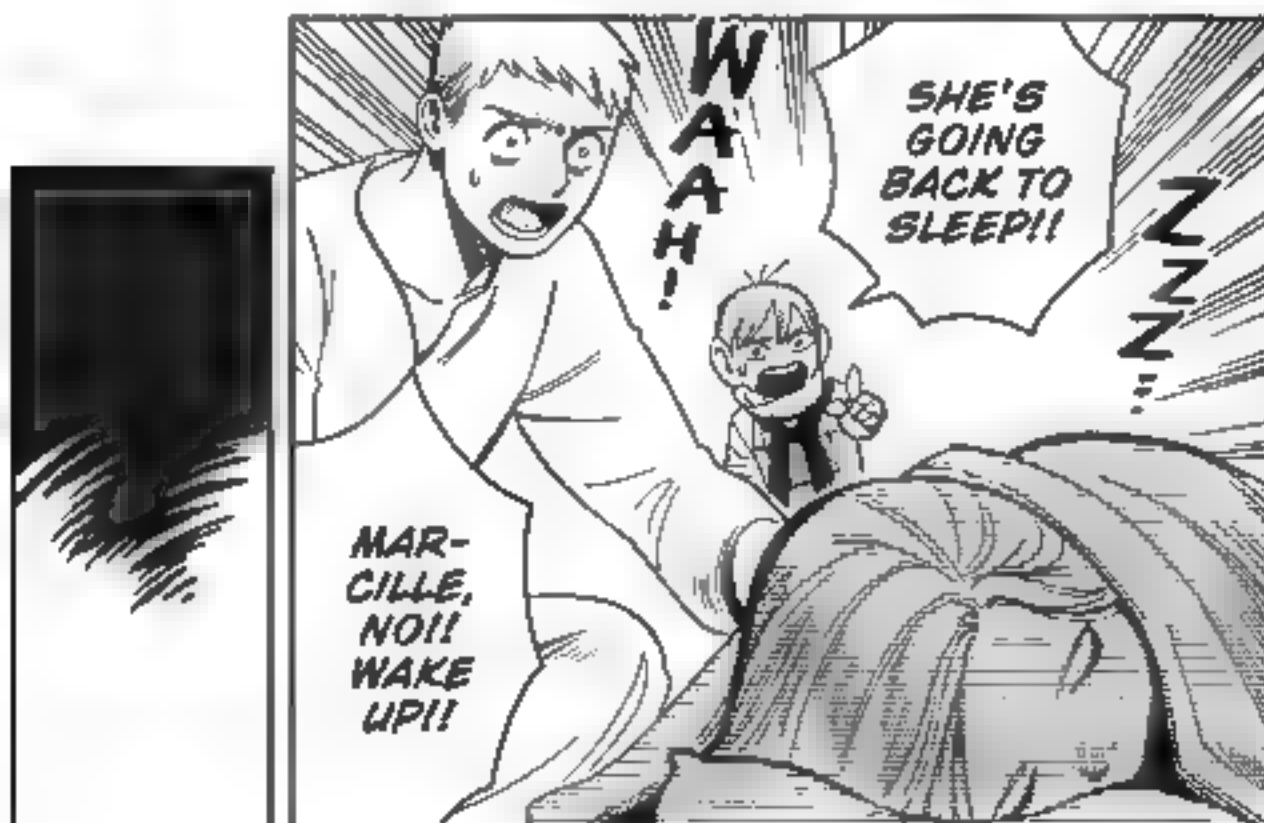
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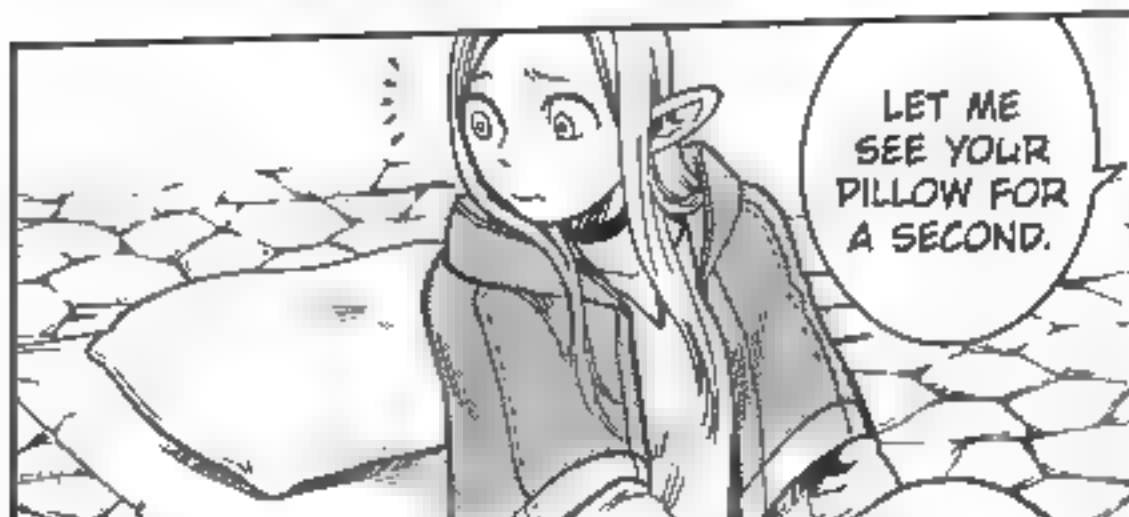
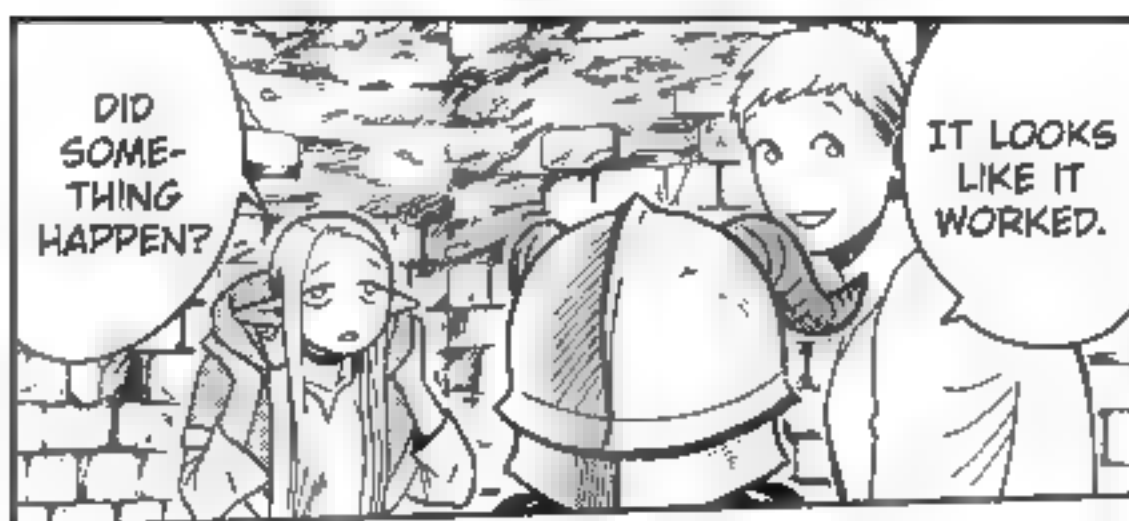
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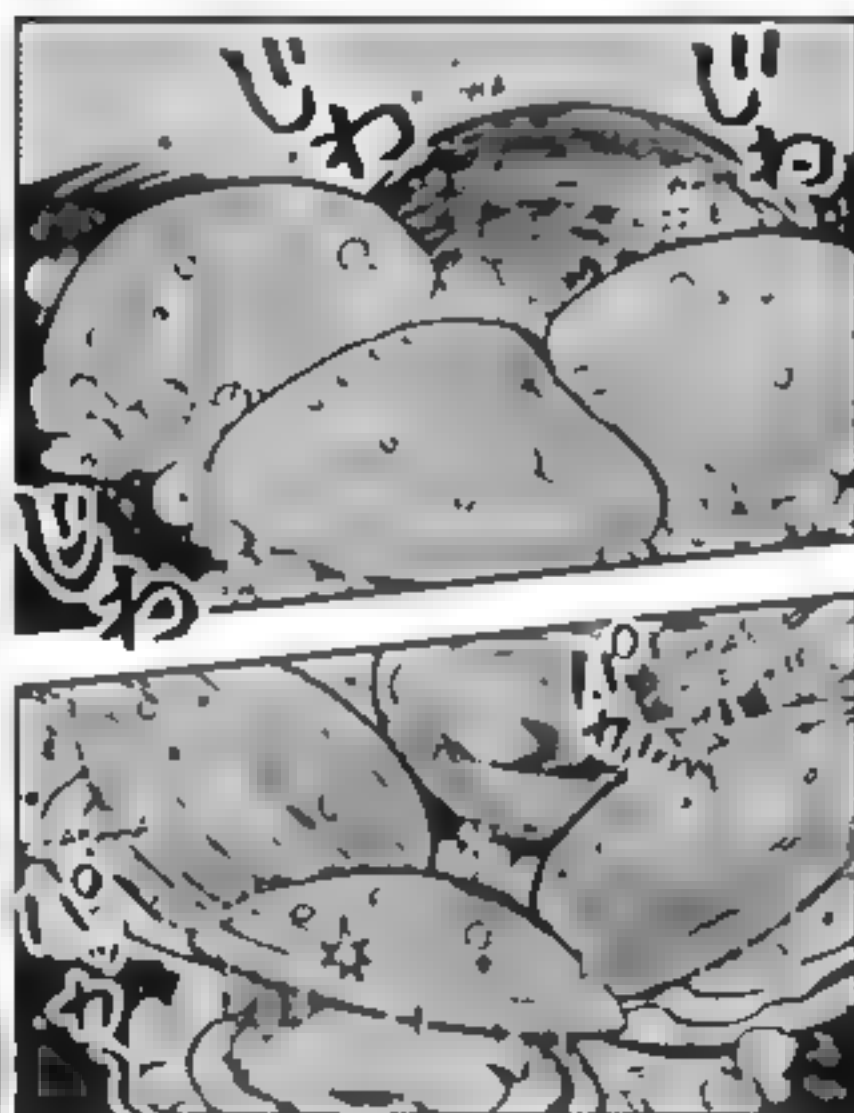
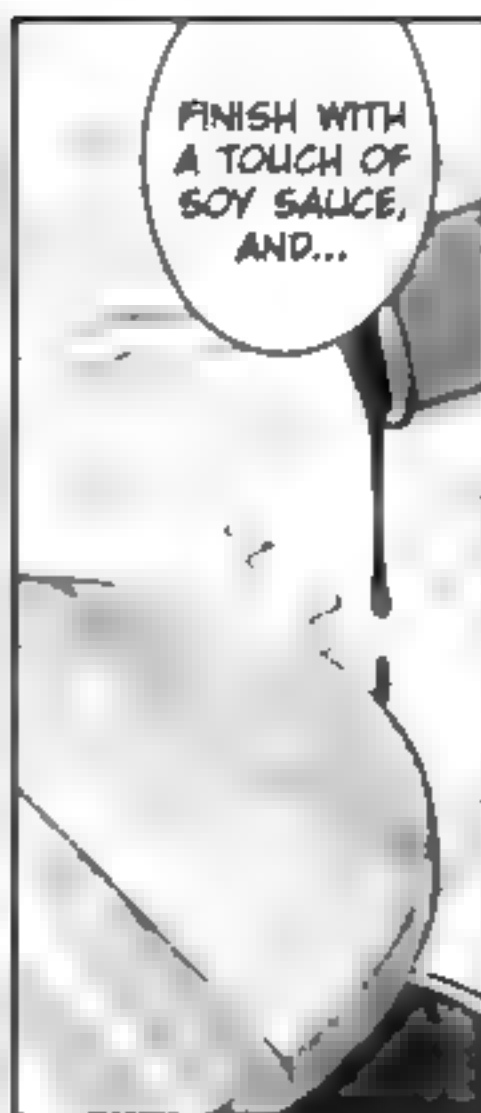














TRANSLATION NOTES

Page 12

Hien, Benichidori, and Maizuru are all bird-related names: *Hien* means "flying swallow," *benichidori* is "crimson plover," and *maizuru* is "dancing crane." *Asebi* is the Japanese name for *Pieris japonica*, or Japanese andromeda, a poisonous shrub with clusters of delicate, white, bell-shaped flowers.

Page 13

Starting during the Edo period (1603 to 1868) and all the way up into the early twentieth century, it was extremely common to preface women's names with an *O*. Although the *O* is technically an honorific (similar to *-san*), it was generally added just to make the name sound nicer/cuter and was more of a nickname than anything.

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Previously, Kabru has exclusively used the more macho pronoun *ore* even with older people outside his group, but he's intentionally switched to using the humbler *boku* when he talks to people in Shuro's and Laios's groups. The switch itself isn't that unusual, but it does make him seem shifter and more manipulative in this context.

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Like *Asebi*, Inutade shares her name with a plant, *Persicaria longiseta*, or tufted knotweed. It's an annual herb that has elongated clusters of pink flowers.

Page 70

According to the theory of the alchemist Paracelsus, gnomes are elemental spirits that inhabit the earth, so the "essiet" employed by Holm is the spirit type of "gnome."

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A *go* is an old Japanese unit of measurement. When applied to liquids, it's equal to about 180 ml. One *go* of uncooked rice was considered to be the amount needed for an average meal.

Page 133

According to superstition in Japan, because dogs aren't fooled by illusions, foxes are notoriously afraid of them. However, since Laios didn't know exactly what the shapeshifter was when he decided to go canine on it, he probably just got lucky here.

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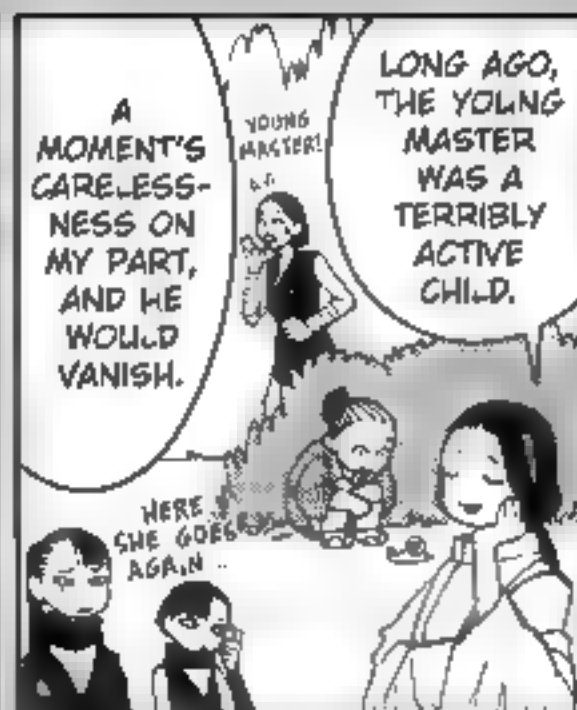
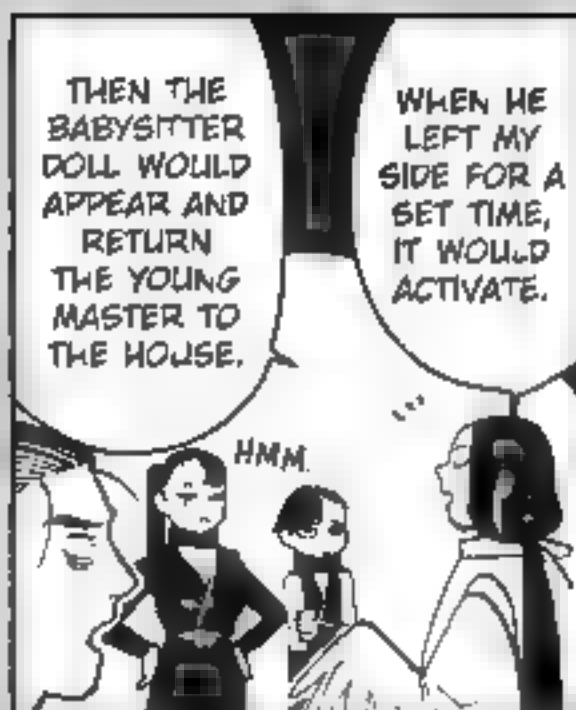
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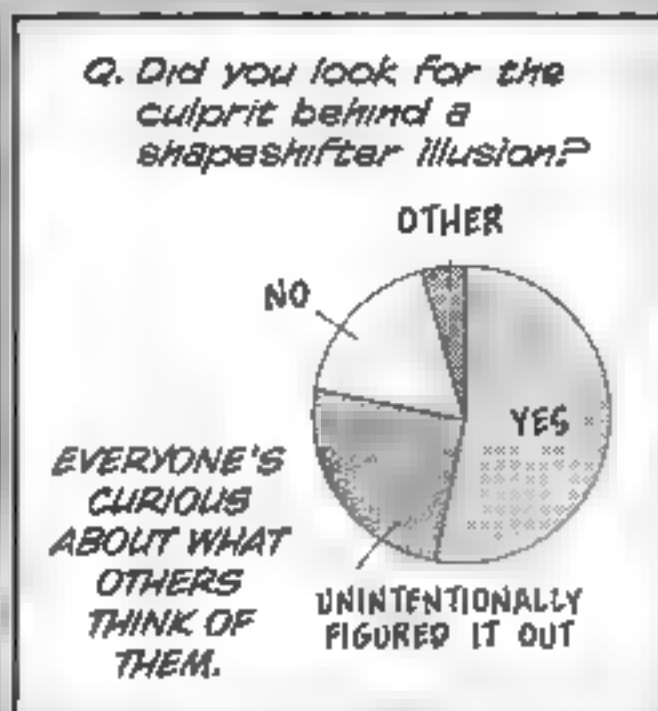
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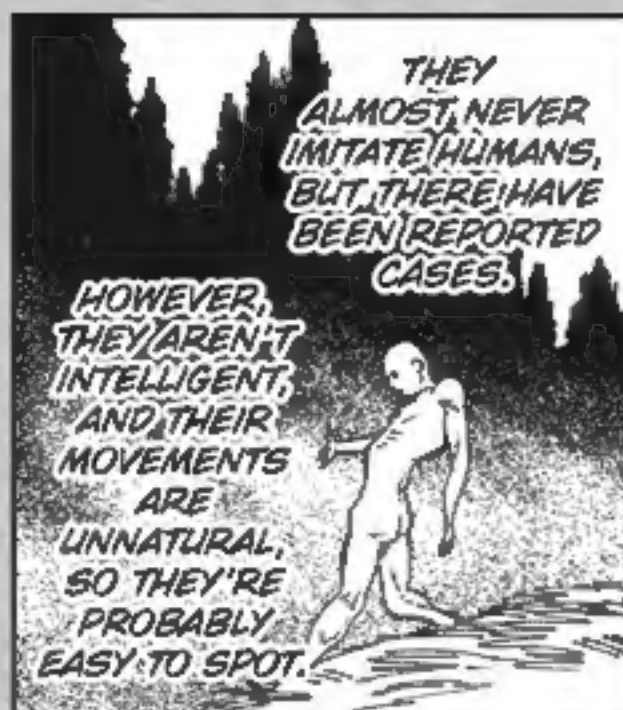
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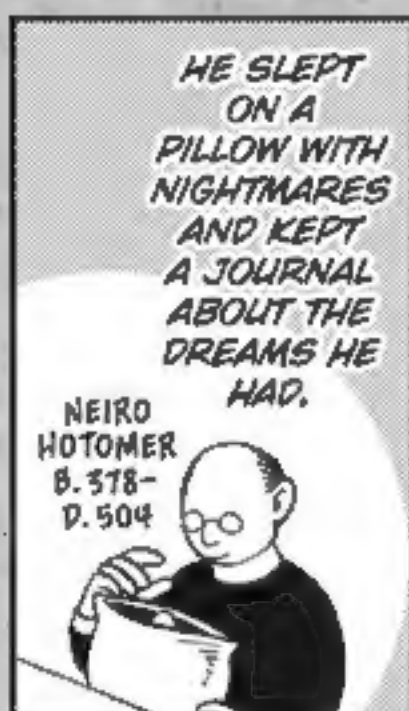
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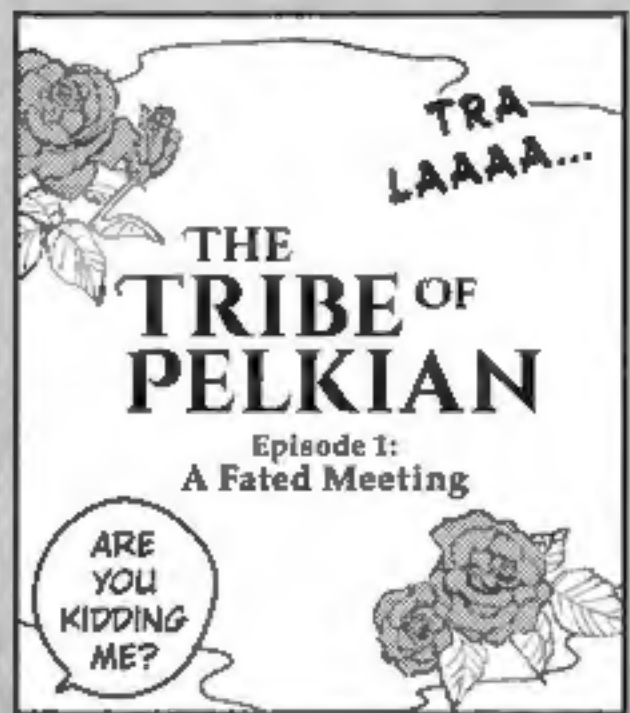












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